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Monday

How they brought the snow to Stockholm: When film director Michael Apted decided to recreate Moscow in Sweden for the screen version of the best-selling novel *Gorky Park*, he did not expect to face the problem of a lack of snow. One way out of the difficulty was to cover parts of Stockholm in Epsom Salts. On the *Spectator* page on Monday, Chris Moser reveals what happened.

UK exports at record £5.28 billion

Britain had a trade surplus of £376m in March with exports rising to a record £5.28 billion. The March surplus, which comes after deficits of £138m in February and £491m in January, was greeted by Lord Cockfield, the Trade Secretary, as confirmation of the Confederation of British Industry's optimistic forecasts. Page 11

Fanani hands in resignation

The Italian Government resigned last night and Signor Amintore Fanani, the Prime Minister, handed his resignation to President Pertini. Today, the President will begin talks with political parties but a general election looks likely in June. Earlier story, page 5

Kohl puzzled

Chancellor Helmut Kohl of West Germany described as "incomprehensible" the cancellation of a visit to Bonn by the East German leader, Hery Erich Honecker. Relations between the two countries have deteriorated recently. Page 5

Brixton 'errors'

Mr Geoffrey Dear, Assistant Commissioner for the Metropolitan Police, said that police officers committed "gross errors of judgement" in raids in Raiton Road, Brixton, in 1981. Page 2

Peer fined

Lord Monnaghet was fined a total of £1,000 by magistrates at Skipton, North Yorkshire, for firing a shotgun at a hot air balloon during a grouse shoot. Page 3

Parkinson role

Michael Parkinson has been appointed to the board of TV-am, subject to IBA approval, and been given an extra role suggesting programme ideas. Page 3

Contempt claim

A newspaper cartoon was criticised for alleged contempt after a captain in the Intelligence Corps was sentenced to be dismissed the service for being drunk in charge of a patrol. Page 3

Pension advice

An advisory service is to be launched for the 12 million people in private pension plans, linked to the Citizens' Advice Bureau. It should start operating in a couple of months. Family money, page 13

Race sponsors

On the eve of the 2,000 Guineas at Newmarket the Stewards of the Jockey Club announced that they are to allow sponsorship of classic races. Page 17

Saturday

In Saturday today, and inside view of the British grand prix chess circuit and the build-up to the world championships. Also included in the arts and leisure section published each week with *The Times* are regular features on travel, gardening, eating out, drink, records and news of the coming week's events in the arts.

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Buenos Aires junta says 'disappeared' are all dead

From Andrew Thompson, Montevideo

Argentina's military government yesterday issued its "final document on the war against subversion and terrorism". It declared that the "disappeared" people should be considered legally dead, and signalled official protection for members of the security forces involved in "excesses" during the counter-insurgency campaign.

The announcements, on nationwide television and radio, were preceded and followed by protest from human rights groups and political parties. Most observers believe the attempt to close the issue of human rights violations in the 1970s will fail, and that the subject will inevitably end up in the hands of the new civilian Congress due to meet next year, after the elections planned for October 30.

The 7,000-word document yesterday said that between 1969 and 1979 the guerrilla organizations carried out 21,642 terrorist acts, and that at their height they had 25,000 members of which approximately 15,000 were combatants. The role of the security forces in the repression was declared "acts of service".

The Government admitted the security forces "committed errors which, as in all wars, may have gone beyond the limits set by fundamental human rights, but which remain subject to the judgment of God in each individual conscience and the understanding of men."

"It must be absolutely clear that those people on the list of the disappeared, and who are not in exile or in hiding, must be considered dead, for all legal and administrative purposes." The statement added that the Government was unable to define the time and cause of death.

Human rights groups had demanded publication of a full list of the "disappeared", who are estimated to number between 20,000 and 30,000. They say thousands of "disappearances" and deaths involved not guerrillas, but non-violent political opponents of the military regime.

On Thursday, human rights organizations demonstrated in front of Government House, with posters in the form of large photographs of the "disappeared". The demonstrators, numbering more than a thousand, recognized a senior police officer and attacked his car. The officer left.

The Government statement has also been widely condemned by political leaders. Señor Fernando de La Rúa, a presidential hopeful from the Radical Party, has condemned the attempt to place all illegal actions by the security forces under the jurisdiction of military, and not civilian courts. He said that under the constitution, jurisdiction of the courts cannot be altered retrospectively, as the Government is trying to do. Other political leaders have described the Government's handling of the issue as repugnant.

The Mothers of the Plaza de Mayo, the group of women who have been campaigning for almost five years to learn what happened to their "disappeared" children, condemned the statement. "In reality it is nothing more than a new and unsuccessful attempt to escape justice and guarantee the impunity of the cowards who were responsible for the last decade of horror and tragedy in Argentina."

Man has urge to kill, court told

From Our Correspondent, Liverpool

A man accused of murdering his five-year-old nephew as the boy lay asleep with his mother has an irresistible urge to kill people, a court in Liverpool has told yesterday.

Ronald Waldron, aged 37, of Compton Way, Anfield, Liverpool, has admitted to the police that he has had the killer instinct for many years. "The mad was being investigated," he had told them. "I get the madness, the killing instinct. I just cannot help myself. With the drink and the speed on top I just cannot control myself."

He appeared at Liverpool Magistrates' Court yesterday charged with murdering Andrew, the attempted murder of Mrs Rosemary Waldron, aged 32, the boy's mother, and aggravated burglary on April 23.

Reporting restrictions were lifted at the request of Mr Alex Claverley, Mr Waldron's solicitor.

The court was told that Mr Waldron had made a full written confession to the police and other equally serious matters were being investigated.

Mr Norman Wootton, the stipendiary magistrate, remanded Mr Waldron in custody until next Tuesday.

Mr Brian Crebbin, prosecuting solicitor, said: "He confessed in very considerable detail both orally and in a very lengthy statement to both these and other matters."

"He said he has had these urges for many years and when they arise he will kill anyone," Mr Crebbin said.

"Inquiries will revolve round not only the presently charged offences, but indeed other matters believed to have been committed, not only on Merseyside but throughout the country," Mr Crebbin said.

He told the court: "Before she went to bed, Mrs Waldron locked and secured as best she could the doors and windows. She remained asleep until this early hours of Saturday morning when she was awoken by the horror of a severe blow to the head."

He added: "She did not, however, lose consciousness and the dreadful thing that happened was that she heard Andrew wake and then realized that her assailant had shifted his attack to the little boy. She lay there unable to do anything and heard Andrew repeatedly hit with a blunt instrument."

Mr Crebbin told the court that while Mrs Waldron lay in bed feigning death she was attacked again. She was unable to identify the man because of the severity of the attack and her limited eyesight, but Mr Waldron later confessed at length to the police.

Mr Crebbin said that Mr Waldron allegedly told the police that before the attack he had been drinking and sniffing glue and had taken a drug. He had spent money he should not have spent and had a row with his wife.

"At first he wanted to kill his wife but put that thought to one side and decided to kill his sister-in-law. He told police that he had an irresistible urge to kill



Water bus: One hundred Maori warriors with tattooed faces rowed the Prince and Princess of Wales to their last formal engagement in New Zealand yesterday. End of tour, page 5.

Riot police use tear gas on Paris students

From Diana Geddes, Paris

About 200 right-wing students wearing leather jackets and with scarves masking their faces, clashed with riot police in Paris yesterday in continuing protest over the introduction of selective second-year examinations.

The students threw stones as the helmeted police fired tear gas and beat them back with batons to prevent them moving towards the National Assembly, the scene of similar clashes between police and right-wing students on Wednesday.

A demonstration by some 6,000 left-wing students on Thursday passed off without incident.

Yesterday's demonstration, by students mainly from law and economics faculties, was also orderly and calm until the moment came for them to disperse at Les Invalides when right-wing militants tried to force a confrontation with police.

The students later regrouped in the Latin Quarter where they again attacked police cars with stones, shattering the windshield of one. The police jumped out with their guns drawn and the demonstrators fled. About 30 police were slightly injured and an unknown number of students.

Police cars and vans of riot police continued to patrol both the left and right banks until late into the evening. Several arrests were made.

Swiss expel Soviet press agency chief for subversive acts

Berne (Reuters) - Switzerland yesterday ordered the closure of the Soviet Novosti news agency's office here and expelled its bureau chief for what it called political agitation, disinformation and interference in Switzerland's internal affairs.

A Justice Ministry statement described the affair as an infringement of sovereignty and said the Government had protested to Moscow.

It said the agency's office in the Swiss capital helped to organize numerous left-wing demonstrations, including one which disrupted Parliament last July, and actively supported conscientious objectors to military service.

Mr Alexei Dumov, the bureau chief, was summoned yesterday morning to the Foreign Ministry, where he was told that he had 10 days to leave the country.

A Soviet embassy spokesman described the Swiss allegations as groundless and said Moscow had made a strong counter-protest.

Switzerland has protested three times to Moscow in the past 12 months over alleged spying by Soviet diplomats. Over the past 18 months, Switzerland has ordered two Soviet deputy military attaches and two Geneva-based Soviet diplomats to leave the country, all for spying.

A Soviet consular official and the head of the Soviet airline Aeroflot's office in Geneva also left the country last year after being questioned by Swiss police in connection with similar offences.

The Swiss Cabinet said in a separate statement the Novosti's activities endangered the country's security and damaged relations with other states. It pledged to take firm action against all future attempts to influence political opinion in this country.

Novosti specializes in feature articles about the Soviet Union. It has been suspected by Western intelligence of having links with the KGB, the Soviet secret service. It has denied the accusations.

The Justice Ministry claimed that Novosti conducted its subversive activities largely through two Swiss employees. A ministry spokesman said no arrests of Swiss had been made.

The ministry said that, acting under the cover of the two Swiss, Novosti infiltrated Switzerland's peace movement, as well as a dissident youth movement.

Switzerland has decided to ban blacks wholly or partially from 17 of the city's parks, and is considering whether other "problem parks" should also be reserved for whites only. Uniformed guards with dogs will patrol the parks "sporadically" to discourage any blacks tempted to ignore the ban.

This return to the rigidities of an earlier apartheid era was agreed on at a meeting on Thursday night of the Pretoria City Council by 23 votes to seven. The majority group on the council, the Federation of Ratepayers Association, is dominated by members of the National Party (NP), which also rules at the national level.

Pretoria's parks were opened to all races in the mid-1970s at the time of the holding of the South African Games so as to avoid possible embarrassment to black participants from other countries, such as Malawi.

Three of the 17 parks will be fenced off into black and white sections, and the others will be for whites only. Notice boards will be erected explaining the new regulations. The only blacks exempt from the ban will be nursesmaids looking after white children. It will cost 70,000 rands (about £40,000) to put up the fences and boards.

Black traffic policemen will be employed as "relations officers" whose job will be to explain in a "nice" way to their fellow blacks that they are not allowed in the parks.



Alexei Dumov: Interest in peace movement

Heath accuses Fleet Street

By Anthony Bevins, Political Correspondent

Mr Edward Heath last night accused a number of Fleet Street newspapers of a conspiracy to ruin his relations with the Royal Family and to publicly discredit him.

The former Prime Minister missed a 7.03 pm Commons vote on the Finance Bill on Wednesday because police held up traffic in Parliament Street to give the Queen Mother clear access through to a City engagement, despite their obligation to allow MPs equally clear access to the Commons.

Mr Heath was reported to have said that even if the Queen was passing by at the time of a Commons vote, her car "could be diverted round the park once or twice".

Yesterday's *Daily Express* carried the main front-page headline: "Heath clashes with Queen Mother's Rolls. Who goes first? I do, says Ted the ex-Premier."

Mr John Warden, the paper's political editor, wrote: "An angry Mr Edward Heath last night claimed right of way over the Queen and the Royal Family when he is going to the Commons. Members of Parliament cannot be stopped by the monarch," he declared. "That should be obvious."

But in a statement issued at the Commons, Mr Heath described the *Daily Express* and other newspaper reports, making the matter a personal issue between the Queen Mother and himself, as "a disgraceful piece of journalism".

He said that he had the greatest admiration and respect for the Queen Mother, who had shown him many kindnesses.

Mr Heath added: "It is an attempt to ruin my relations as a former Prime Minister with the Royal Family and to discredit me personally in the eyes of the public. Speaking in Exeter, he changed the word 'attempt' to 'plan'."

The statement said that he had informed the Chief Whip of the reasons for missing the division. "Contrary to statements in the papers, I have made no complaints to anyone else. I so informed the *Daily Express* lobby correspondent, the only press man of those who have written about the incident to speak to me personally."

But he accused Mr Warden, who is chairman of the Parliamentary Lobby Journalists, of breaking the rules of the Lobby in the article he had written. Lobby journalists often work on a non-attributable basis, not quoting or identifying their sources.

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Washington 'cake' loses chunk of icing

From Nicholas Ashford, Washington

The Capital building (right) which dominates the Washington skyline like an ornate wedding cake, is falling apart. And, being at the centre of the city's political life, the building's crumbling facade has immediately become the source of a political dispute.

On Wednesday night, shortly after President Reagan had finished delivering his Central American address to a joint session of Congress, a 16ft section of the historic West Front of the building crumbled to the ground.

The collapse was in a section of the Capitol that was built between 1802 and 1807: the original wing of the House of Representatives for which George Washington laid the corner stone.

Although no one was injured it was the most serious incident to befall the building since a 40lb chunk of decorative moulding fell from the west central front in 1965.

Within hours of Wednesday night's incident, Representative Jerry Lewis had called a press conference so that journalists could inspect the damage and hear his plea for rapid congressional approval for a proposal to enlarge and improve the West Front at a cost of over \$70m (about £46m).

However, there is strong resistance to the \$70m renovation plan. The American Institute of Architects and conservation groups say the scheme would drastically alter the West Front's appearance. They maintain that a facelift of the existing facade is all that is required.

Both sides, however, are concerned that if nothing is done soon the "wedding cake" will lose more of its icing.

TV football agreement may be near

The Football League and television companies may be near agreement on the televising of football next season. At a seven-hour meeting yesterday a revised set of proposals was worked out and these are being circulated to club chairmen in advance of their meeting next Thursday.

The TV companies have made no advance on their previous offer of £5.3m over two years, but they have made alterations to the planned coverage, with four matches being shown at the weekend rather than 10 as at present. These would include "a part live element", matches being played on Saturday night and Sunday afternoons to fit in with TV schedules. They also have agreed to make some concessions on shirt-advertising.

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Churchill denies smearing CND

By Nicholas Timmins

Mr Winston Churchill, Conservative MP for Sleaford, yesterday dismissed as rubbish and without foundation charges by Monsignor Bruce Kent, general secretary of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, that he was linked with people trying to smear CND.

Mr Kent has accused the Coalition for Peace through Security, a group run by three Conservative prospective candidates, of sending spies to CND's offices, telling lies about CND and claiming he had organized an IRA march.

He said: "These people meet Winston Churchill once a week. I do not know who orchestrates the campaign. The Government has presented us as being led by left-wing Marxist groups."

Mr Churchill said: "I would be glad to know of Mr Kent's evidence, and I challenge him to produce it. I have weekly meetings with nobody."

He was chairman of the Campaign for Defence and Multilateral Disarmament, he said, a group of four Conservative MPs which met monthly with two officials from Conservative Central Office.

He also headed the Committee for Peace with Freedom. That met every three months in his flat. Its members included Lady Olga Maitland, who runs Women for Defence, Lord Chalfont, Mr Norris McWhirter, Mr Ken Aldred of the British Atlantic Committee's offshoot, Peace through Nato, General Sir Harry Turo and Mr Edward Leigh of the Coalition for Peace through Security, which operates from an office in Whitehall. The committee last met on Tuesday.

Mr Churchill said: "I am not a member of the Coalition for Peace through Security and I do not take part in any of their deliberations."

"The nub of Bruce Kent's complaint against them is that they exercise their democratic rights in a free society to go along to CND's meetings and ask awkward questions. One can appreciate that he gets a bit exasperated."

"He is seeking to smear me and my colleagues in the Conservative Party by alleging a smear campaign. I have never encouraged anyone directly or indirectly to indulge in a smear campaign."

Mr Kent said that apart from meeting the coalition, which he described as the most offensive, aggressive and unjust group around, Mr Churchill "goes in for this sort of thing independently", claiming, for example, that CND never spoke about Soviet weapons, which was untrue.

Mr Churchill's Committee for Peace with Freedom has been involved in controversy before. Mr Alan Lee Williams, chairman of the executive of the British Atlantic Committee, Continued on back page, col 5

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'Million acres derelict'

More than a million acres of land in Britain, five times the area usually regarded as derelict, have been damaged by industrial development, a conference was told yesterday.

Professor Graham Ashworth, head of urban environmental studies at Salford University and a former president of the Royal Town Planning Institute, said the figure of 25,000 acres usually quoted should be multiplied five times for a true picture of damaged land.

He called for a unit at governmental-level to be set up to run a national waste disposal and reclamation strategy.

Waste land was "dangerous, damaging, ugly and impeding", Professor Ashworth told the closing session of Reclamation '83, a four-day conference of local authorities and industry at Grays, Essex. "We shall never know how much economic development has been hindered because of bad environment."

Professor Ashworth described the creation of an international garden festival at derelict docks in Liverpool as a great act of faith.

Beatles museum given £40,000

A planned museum in Liverpool to the Beatles is to get a £40,000 urban development grant from the Government, Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for the Environment, announced yesterday.

The development in a building near the site of the Cavern Club, where the group began, is being carried out by the commercial radio station Radio City, with support from Merseyside County Council and the English Tourist Board.

Benefit Giro stays first class

The Government has dropped plans to send Giro cheques for social security benefits by second-class post. Mr Anthony Newton, Under Secretary of State at the Department of Health and Social Security, said in a Commons written reply yesterday.

He said he was looking for economies without causing hardship or inconvenience to claimants.

Blow to video pirates

The campaign against video piracy was advanced significantly yesterday when the Copyright (Amendment) Bill completed its passage through the Commons.

It means the present maximum penalty under the Copyright Act of £50 for trading in pirate videos goes up to £1,000 with an unlimited fine and a maximum of two years' imprisonment on conviction by a crown court.

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Arson charges withdrawn

John Alfred Walker, aged 31, of Harehills Avenue, Leeds, was committed for trial at Leeds Crown Court by magistrates at Bradford, West Yorkshire, yesterday, charged with stealing property valued at £63 from a house in Bradford. An application for bail was rejected.

Hunting banned

The Labour-controlled Thamesdown Borough Council has banned fox hunting on its land. The ban will cover 1,000 acres in the Wiltshire borough.

Correction

Nationalization of the top 25 companies and rationalization of privatized industry, with compensation only on the ground of proven need, have not been included in Labour's manifesto as stated yesterday.

'Dr Doolittle' fined for his anti-fraud crusade

A self-styled Dr Doolittle who wanted to "talk to the bureaucrats" defrauded the Department of Health and Social Security of more than £11,000, claiming it was in the public interest, magistrates in Wimbledon, south London, were told yesterday.

Brian Davies, aged 53, of Kingsmead Avenue, Worcester Park, claimed unemployment and supplementary benefit for four years while he was working full time. He was convicted of five charges of making false statements to the department and was fined £1,000 and ordered to pay £200 costs.

Mr Ian Wheatley, for the prosecution, said: "Dr Doolittle was finally caught after he wrote a letter to the Speaker of the House of Commons saying: 'Knowing that the DHSS ignored small frauds, I set myself a target of £12,000, which I expected to take a period of four years to obtain'."

Election issues matter more than the date, Biffen says

By Anthony Bovas, Political Correspondent

Mr John Biffen, Leader of the Commons and a known Cabinet advocate of election delay, last night threw himself into the pre-June campaign with a denunciation of the Labour Party's Bennite platform.

He said in Bristol: "We are now all denuded by the chaos of general election dates. I will not add to the chorus. There is little further to be said. The debate should now proceed to election issues and party policies."

Mr Biffen chooses his words with acute care, and the fact that he has now jumped on to the campaign bandwagon will make it all the more difficult for the Prime Minister to extricate herself from the June option.

He said last night: "This election is going to be one of the most exciting and important since 1945. There really is the option of radical Bennite change."

In spite of the fact that Mr Wedgwood Benn now brooded on Labour's backbenches, he had managed to imprint his own particular brand of socialism on Labour's policies.

He was not discarded his privileged position, only would be casting it in the air at such exciting prospects." Mr Biffen said. "By conscious choice, or by miscalculation, the British public could soon be taking a giant stride to the left, to greater government, higher taxation and planned equality."

The lesson, he added, was clear. Labour had been captured by Mr Benn and his backers. The Labour right, including Mr Denis Healey were hurt out.

"They are yesterday's men in ideas and organization," Mr Michael Foot, the Labour leader, said in Warrington that although the Prime Minister spoke of recovery, there had been no recovery for the extra 2.5 million who were now on supplementary benefit with one-in-eight now dependent on it or for the people who had been affected by the Conservative destruction of two million jobs.

He added "Mrs Thatcher and the Tories hanker after our Victorian past. The general election will be the past versus the future."

The campaign is even including sub-debates about specifics. Mr Cecil Parkinson, the Conservative Party chairman, said in Solihull that Labour planned "to deliver the nation's crime fighters into the hands of

politically-motivated groups of left-wing councillors".

Mr Roy Hattersley, the shadow home secretary, said in Sparkbrook, Birmingham, last night that it was not surprising "that men such as incumbent Home Secretary criss in this country should have risen to the highest level in our history."

The crime crisis, he said, would be beaten only when the police were once more an integral part of the communities they served. "That is why the next Labour government will create police authorities all over Britain with powers to ensure that the police are run in a way that the people want and need."

But Labour's campaign was not without its dissent. Mr James Callaghan, the former Prime Minister, said at a Berlin conference: "There is no case for unilateral concessions, whether in the field of disarmament or economic relations."

In a plan for a more considered Western approach to the Williamsburg conference and the Soviet Union he said: "If trade concessions and arms reductions can be linked, it would be a step towards a peaceful resolution of our differences."

A survey of 183 Conservative MPs, conducted by the Channel 4 programme *A Week in Politics*, discovered that only 36 per cent wanted a June election, compared to 34 per cent who favoured the autumn.

The Department of Employment last night announced that the Retail Price Index for September would be published on October 14, the day after the favoured date for an October poll.

Unemployment figures will be published on September 29 and November 3 and would therefore have little direct impact on the choice of election date in October.

Voting intentions for the forthcoming Cardiff, North-west, by-election, as indicated in an Opinion Research Centre poll conducted for Independent Television News, were given last night as: Conservative 48 per cent; Labour 26 per cent; SDP-Liberal Alliance 19 per cent; Plaid Cymru 7 per cent.

The changes on the last elections were: Conservative down 3 per cent; Labour down 7 per cent; Alliance up 5 per cent; Plaid Cymru up 5 per cent.

Salvage unit to be wound up

The Salvage Corps in London, Liverpool and Glasgow will be wound up next year, it was announced yesterday.

The privately-owned service, which employs 300, was founded in the nineteenth century by insurance companies, to minimize the damage caused by fires and water damage.

But the committee of insurers, which spends £4.5m a year running the specialist service, says it believes it can no longer be justified. The job of safeguarding property after fire will be taken over by fire brigades, as in other cities. The committee hopes that the 300 employees will be found jobs in the fire brigades but some of the men believe that their work cannot be adequately done by firemen.

The corps, its vans are frequently seen at the scene of fires in the capital, said in a statement that its management committee "has been increasingly concerned" about its effectiveness.

"The changing shape of commercial interests within London and the ever-widening dispersal of premises and risks, leads to the unavoidable conclusion that a specialist service can no longer be justified," it said.

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A move to disassociate Welsh trade unionists from any party talks with a future Labour government was brushed aside by the general council.

Wales faces 'public disorder'

From Barrie Clement, Labour Reporter, Cardiff

Serious social unrest and public disorder could break out in Wales unless immediate steps are taken to tackle unemployment problems, the Government was told yesterday.

A motion overwhelmingly passed by the Wales TUC said that the fabric of Welsh society could break down because of "forced unemployment". Such a situation was "unacceptable and intolerable".

The motion said that the Government was responsible for the "near destruction" of the economy and that it was directly responsible for the high level of unemployment in Wales and "a lowering of the quality of life for the majority of working people".

Mr George Wright, general secretary of the Wales TUC, told *The Times*: "The warnings about social unrest first came in the fore in Wales in 1980-81 during the steel strikes and closures."

"The recent speculation about an election has recharged these arguments. If a Thatcher government is returned and the only prospect for young people is more of what we have already had, it is almost certain they will look for other ways of solving their problems."

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Mrs Shirley Goodwin with her sons, Spencer (left) and Bradley yesterday (Photograph: Sureah Karadia).

Ransom woman kept blindfolded

Mrs Shirley Goodwin, the woman held to ransom, described yesterday how she was kept blindfolded during her six-day captivity before being left on a south London street late on Wednesday (Stewart Tendler writes).

Speaking from her bed in her home in Hackney, east London, Mrs Goodwin, aged 40, a mother of four, said she was still recovering from a "terrifying" experience. "I am very weak and cannot walk", she said.

Looking pale and tired Mrs Goodwin, whose husband, John Goodwin, is in prison, said: "I do not know what gave me the strength. I am a fairly strong person. I would not have taken much more of it. I was very frightened."

After she was freed, Mrs Goodwin spoke to her husband, who has a history of heart trouble, by telephone. Two of Mrs Goodwin's teenage sons were with their mother as she spoke to

the press. The other children are staying with friends. As Mrs Goodwin spoke, her voice sometimes trailed away.

During her captivity she said that she was told she would not be harmed and anything she wanted would have been given to her if it was available.

Mr Geoffrey Gordon, the family solicitor, said that Mrs Goodwin had been supported by a "decent, loyal and close-knit family".

Doubts on research into Depo-Provera

By Pat Healy, Social Services Correspondent

Strong doubts about the quality of scientific research into the effects of Depo-Provera were expressed yesterday by experts on the panel at the public hearing into its possible use as a long-term contraceptive.

Professor William Ascher, Professor of Medicine at the Welsh National School of Medicine, pointed out that the drug had been in use for 15 years; it was approved in 85 countries and had been used by 10 million women. Yet he had seen no reports of mortality or morbidity rates. That must mean that either it had not been used properly or that it had not been very well studied.

Professor Max Elstein, Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at Manchester University, said the second suggestion was correct. He did not think the drug in use had been studied properly because epidemiological studies had not been undertaken where good data could be obtained.

Professor Elstein agreed with Professor Ascher that there should be more solid evidence after the drug had been used by 10 million women, but said the evidence from experts in a wide range of fields. The panel will now consider its recommendations. It is expected to report in the middle of next month to Mr Kenneth Clarke, Minister of Health.

Middlesex Hospital Medical School, who said that some of the panel were looking with increasing anxiety at the gaps in the information they wanted.

He questioned Professor Elstein on research into the presence of the drug in the milk of breast-feeding mothers, on its effects on women with impaired liver function and suggested that, on first principles, the drug might be supposed to affect the chemical reaction in foetuses when the sex of the baby was being determined. Dr Jacobs also wanted to know what happened in the womb to cause bleeding difficulties in women taking Depo-Provera.

Professor Elstein accepted that the available research did not answer those questions, and suggested that there should be proper surveillance if it was granted a product licence in Britain. But he pointed out to the panel that the present level of knowledge about the effects of the oral contraceptive pill would have meant it would not have been licensed if the application was being made now.

The public hearing ended yesterday after five days of evidence from experts in a wide range of fields. The panel will now consider its recommendations. It is expected to report in the middle of next month to Mr Kenneth Clarke, Minister of Health.

New technology plea by Tebbit

From Arthur Osman, Birmingham

Mr Norman Tebbit, Secretary of State for Employment, said in Birmingham yesterday that he refused to believe the Midlands had lost its touch in the art of wealth creation "despite the 'nasty knock' it had taken in the recession."

He told the regional Institute of Directors: "Much has been going wrong for a long time. Competitiveness has been steadily eroded, undermining the very foundations of our engineering industry well before the recession struck its blows against weakened firms."

But the "conditions" for recovery were appearing, he said. Manufacturers' expectations on output were stronger than at any time since 1979. Productivity had improved 14.5 per cent over the past two years. The minister said: "I am well aware the Midlands have felt the impact of our economic problems harder than other regions. There are many reasons for this, but one of the most important has been its over-dependence on industries like cars, engineering and metal working."

Traditional industries must become more competitive so that customers such as the components industries will want to buy their products again in large numbers. The area must also look to introduce new indus-

Science report Casting a little sunlight on Einstein

By the Staff of Nature
More controversy about the shape of the Sun's gravitational field has appeared in scientific literature. The issue is important because it bears directly on one of the few observational tests of Einstein's theory of gravitation, the rate at which the perihelion (the closest point of a planet's orbit to the Sun) of Mercury changes its position in relation to the surface of the Sun.

More than half a century ago, the recognition that the apparent forward movement of the perihelion of Mercury agreed well with the predictions of Einstein's theory was something of a triumph. In the 1920s, the only other observational confirmation of Einstein's theory was that of the bending of light from distant stars passing near the limb of the Sun during the solar eclipses of 1919 and 1921.

Then in the 1960s, Dr R. H. Dicke at Princeton University, one of the originators of an alternative theory of relativistic gravitation, described measurements of the shape of the Sun suggesting that it is even less like a true sphere than would be inferred from the observed rotation of its outer surface.

That raised questions about the validity of the forward movement of the orbit of Mercury as a test of Einstein's theory.

Although doubt has since been cast on Dicke's measurements, there has been great interest in his explanation of them, the notion that the inner core of the Sun rotates much more rapidly than the outer layers.

Last year, it seemed that convincing evidence had been found that the Sun's core rotates roughly twice as quickly as its outer surface about once every 13.1 days. A group of astrophysicists, based at Birmingham University, argued that it had been possible to pick out the 13.1-day period in measurements of the velocity of the Sun's surface extending over several months.

Now, two groups of astrophysicists, Dr M. G. Edmunds, from University College, Cardiff, with Dr D. O. Gough, from Cambridge University, and Dr P. Malby from the University of Oslo, have pointed out in *Nature* that the 13.1-day oscillation in measurements of spectral lines on the Sun's surface may be a simple consequence of the slower rotation of the outer surface.

Briefly, because of the way in which the measurements are analysed, last year's conclusion that the Sun's core is rotating twice as fast as its outer surface may simply be a statistical illusion. Source: *Nature* (vol 302, p 808 and p 810) April 28, 1983; *Physical Review Letters* (vol 50, page 709) March 7, 1983. © Nature-Times News Service, 1983.

Police chief admits raid errors

By Nicholas Timmins

Police officers committed "gross errors of judgment" in the raids on 11 houses in Railton Road, Brixton, in July 1981, Mr Geoffrey Dear, Assistant Commissioner for the Metropolitan Police, said yesterday.

Mr Dear, who carried out the internal police inquiry into the raids, in which thousands of pounds worth of damage was done in a search of petrol bombs, said he had personally recommended disciplinary charges against some officers. The Police Complaints Board, however, whose report on the raids severely censures the police and criticizes their response to the board's findings, had felt it would be unfair to single out individual officers when patently others, who had not been discovered, were guilty as well.

Mr Dear, in an interview on BBC radio, said he was in no way seeking to justify the errors committed. It should be remembered, however, that the police were under "quite enormous stress" after the Brixton riots, which had been on a scale no-one had seen before.

Significant changes in procedures had been introduced, he said, to counter the errors committed which included missing warrants issued under the Licensing Acts. No petrol bombs were found during the raids.

Much more senior officers had now to be involved in the obtaining and execution of warrants, Mr Dear said. If ethnically sensitive premises, particularly drinking houses, were involved, the advice of community leaders and of the community liaison officer had to be sought. There were also changes in the booking in and booking out of equipment after complaints from the board about lack of supervision in the recording of who was issued with sledgehammers and crow-bars.

In addition, there had been a heavy training programme for senior officers in handling such action in the context of public disorder, and police training methods had been undergoing

changes when the riots occurred.

Mr John Fraser, Labour MP for Lambeth, Norwood, whose constituency includes parts of Brixton, said yesterday he was very unhappy at what the report had revealed and said it "really does point towards a wider accountability for the strategy of such operations".

Mr Fraser, whose parliamentary question led to publication of the report some months after it was completed, described its findings as "sensational", and said he was unhappy that the police had not been specific to the board about the changes they had made.

Mr William Whitelaw, the Home Secretary, yesterday announced that police forces in five areas, together with the customs and excise, had agreed to participate in field trials for the tape recording of interviews with suspects (Our Political Correspondent writes). "Two cassette tapes will be recorded simultaneously. One will be treated as an exhibit and the other as a working copy."

Court order for wife of 'supergrass'

From Richard Ford, Belfast

Sir John Hermon, the Chief Constable of the Royal Ulster Constabulary was ordered yesterday to produce the wife of an alleged IRA "supergrass" in the High Court next week after a writ of habeas corpus was issued at the Court of Appeal.

Lord Lowry, the Lord Chief Justice, found that there was a prima facie inference that Mrs Linda Quigley was restrained from meeting her relatives earlier this month when she appeared in the recorder's court in Londonderry. He was giving a reserved judgment in an appeal by Mrs Quigley's sister against the refusal last week of a High Court judge to issue a writ.

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Mrs Quigley's relatives allege that despite several requests she was prevented from meeting them when she appeared in an action for damages over injuries she received in a road accident.

Sitting with Lord Justice Jones and Lord Justice O'Donnell, Lord Lowry in a unanimous judgment said the prima facie inference was that Mrs Quigley was kept from her relatives, although perhaps with her welfare and safety in mind.

He ordered that the writ be returned by next Friday for a hearing in the Queen's Bench Division.

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Parkinson gets key role in TV-am's future with place on board

Michael Parkinson emerged yesterday as one of the key factors in TV-am's survival programme when his appointment to the board of the company was announced by Mr Timothy Aitken, chief executive.

Mr Aitken made it clear, in announcing new financial arrangements to secure the future of the commercial breakfast television service, that Mr Parkinson would be putting forward programme ideas, in addition to his present duties, shared with his wife, Mary Parkinson, of presenting the weekend programmes, the most successful in ratings terms.

Mr Parkinson, questioned by reporters on the appointment, yet to be approved by the Independent Broadcasting Authority, said: "It was not as a result of an ultimatum delivered to us."



Facing the press: Lord Marsh (left), TV-am chairman, and Mr Timothy Aitken, chief executive, yesterday (Photograph: Chris Harris)

He emphasized that Mr Parkinson's role would not clash with that of Mr Greg Dyke, the new editor-in-chief. Mr Aitken added that he had wanted him on the board because he believed Mr Parkinson to be "a totally professional and dedicated man who knows about making television work particularly in terms of people viewing it."

At their meeting on the day of the breaking of the "famous five" presentation team, he had come to understand the company's problems, Mr Aitken said. Mr Michael Deakin will continue to be director of programmes, but the appointment of Mr Hilary Lawson as deputy chief executive, which the board would have had to approve, had not taken place and he is no longer with the company.

Improving revenue was not only to do with advertising, he added. David Frost would be involved in "a lot of things we have planned", but which Mr Aitken would not specify. He added that the staff had responded at all levels in a dramatic way to the cost-cutting exercise. There had been the need for only a few redundancies; operating costs having been reduced by 25 per cent, he said.

Mr Aitken, who impressed by his forthright answers, gave an example of how costs had risen. "One of the stories I heard was of one man who bought a TR7 on the strength of his overtime alone."

Asked what had happened to him, Mr Aitken said: "He can not buy a TR7 on his earnings any more." But was he still with the company? "Yes, he is. Any character as creative as that bloody well ought to be."



Family gathering: Five police dogs from the same litter at a passing out parade in Keston, south London, which ended their 14-week training course (Photograph: Peter Trievnor)

Actor fined for cocaine possession

Nicholas Ball, aged 36, who starred in the television series *Hazell*, was fined £700 yesterday for possessing 9.05 grammes of cocaine. He admitted unlawfully possessing the drug on March 16 when he appeared at Bow Street Magistrates' Court, London.

No evidence was offered on a second charge, which Ball had denied, that he had carried cocaine knowing it to be illegally imported.

Mr Anthony Baldwin, prosecuting for the customs and excise, said customs officers were keeping premises in New Bond Street, London, under observation in relation to smuggling matters on March 16. Ball was stopped as he came out of the premises and walked along the street, Mr Baldwin said. He was taken to an official car and said: "This is probably what you are looking for." He produced cocaine which was found to weigh 9.05 grammes.

Ball, of Kennington Park Road, south-east London, was then arrested and taken to a customs investigation division where he was interviewed under caution.

Mr Baldwin said that Ball said he had started using cocaine when his mother died in about November, 1981. Mr Baldwin said when asked how often he got it, Ball was said to have replied: "Just when I want to live myself up or something equally stupid."

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Captain Apps who is married with two children, was commissioned from Sandhurst in 1970 and later went on a Russian interpreters' course before being posted to 14 Signal Regiment as intelligence officer. His service record was said to be very good.

Telecom to sell computers

British Telecom entered the computer market yesterday, offering three newly designed pieces of electronic equipment: a personal computer, a word processor and a visual display terminal.

The move is almost unprecedented in a political atmosphere in which nationalized companies have been encouraged to contract and divest themselves of interests other than their central activity.

British Telecom views the expansion as a logical step one which is closely related to its main activity as a telecommunications carrier.

New network links doctors and files

One of the most advanced computerized medical record systems has been installed in Bristol for the Bath and the Bristol areas and replaces a manual one which has been used for decades.

The new computer and its 24 terminals allows the 495 doctors in the region to recall any of the one million records contained on the system. At the moment doctors telephone into the centre and then either have the data requested sent to them in the form of a magnetic tape or use on their own micro-computers or they receive an ordinary paper listing. In the near future doctors will be able to connect their computers directly to the system.

The computer network is based at the Avon Family Practitioner Committee (FPC) in Bristol which looks after the interests of the doctors in its area. It is from those computer records, which it took the 18 months to convert from manual files, that the doctors, the dentists, chemists and opticians in the area are paid.

Youth tried rape after seeing video

A youth aged 16 tried to rape a woman after watching a video recorder of the film, *Confessions of a Window Cleaner*, which he claimed made him want to have sexual intercourse with the juvenile court in Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, was told yesterday.

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Lord Mountgarret was fined a total of £1,000 by magistrates in Skipton, north Yorkshire, yesterday for firing a shotgun at a hot air balloon which drifted across his grouse shoot on a Yorkshire moor.

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Kidnap charges

Three men accused of kidnapping Mrs Shirley Goodwin, from her flat in Victoria Park Road, Hackney, east London, and imprisoning her against her will were remanded in custody until May 6 by Bow Street magistrates yesterday.

The men are: Mark Anderson, aged 22, a street trader, of Chelsea Estate, Hammersmith; Francis Potts, aged 41, a cleaning contractor, of Tetton Street, Waltham; and Sean Thatchers, a bricklayer, of Deacon Way, Waltham.

Countryside protection likely to be increased

Ministers may soon add to the 23 areas of outstanding natural beauty that now cover about a tenth of the area of England and Wales. They have decided that the Conservatives cannot enter the general election campaign without appealing to the environmental lobby which crosses party boundaries.

After examining recommendations made by the Countryside Commission, the Government has decided that there is a case for adding to the areas. An area of outstanding natural beauty is the next grade of landscape protection after that of national park.

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Public hopes of Shultz shuttle mission give way to private fears

From Christopher Walker, Jerusalem

This weekend is expected to prove crucial in determining whether the maiden shuttle mission to the Middle East by Mr George Shultz, the American Secretary of State, stands any hope of success in bridging the gap between Israel and Lebanon over troops withdrawal.

The more important question about whether Syria will accept an Israeli-Lebanese agreement also remains unresolved and is overshadowing Mr Shultz's efforts which, to succeed, require the withdrawal of 30,000 Syrian soldiers and 1,000 tanks at the same time.

Some form of breakthrough is vital, not only for the political reputation of Mr Shultz who has been just nine months in the job and has recently come under criticism, but also for the reputation of the Reagan Administration's foreign policy performance.

The American delegation is already believed to have transmitted a pessimistic assessment to the White House of the chances of success for the mission. These have combined with leaks about Mr Shultz's initial reluctance to go on the mission to provide a general mood of despondency.

These private reflections have been countered by public statements of hope and goodwill, although the optimism of the first stage of the mission in Egypt quickly wore off. Yesterday, the most Mr Shultz could do for the cameras was to speak of "an inch or maybe an inch and a half of progress".

Inevitably, his performance is being compared with that of his

two best-known predecessors, Dr Henry Kissinger and Mr Alexander Haig, and, perhaps inevitably for an economist who shows no great taste for public performance, it has already been found lacklustre.

Yesterday for the first time since the mission began, Mr Shultz switched from exploratory talks to real negotiation during a meeting with Mr Menachem Begin, the Prime Minister, and other senior Cabinet members.

Over the next 48 hours, Mr Shultz is due to hold a series of top-level meetings in Beirut and Jerusalem, including a private session with Mr Begin, which should demonstrate whether there is sufficient common ground for intensive shuttle diplomacy to secure agreement.

Tomorrow, the Israeli Cabinet will hold its first session since the shuttle began, and ministers are expected to look for areas where Israel can soften its consistent hard line, especially over security demands for southern Lebanon.

Any hope of movement from Jerusalem over the sticking point of the future role of Major Saad Haddad, the militia leader whose men are financed, armed and trained by Israel, appeared to have been ruled out after the Foreign Ministry swiftly quashed local reports that a concession had been conveyed to the US.

A senior Israeli official described the renegeing major as "Lebanese patriot" and contemptuously dismissed a comment made by the Beirut Government that it was "unprecedented" for one nation to be

demanding sovereign rights in appointing a national of the other.

"Other position is very clear and unchanged. The major should be given a position of command and responsibility in southern Lebanon", the official said after attending talks between Mr Shultz, Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Foreign Minister, and Mr Moshe Arens, the Defence Minister. "We think that the Lebanese should reward Major Haddad for what he has done."

The Israeli stand seems to take no account that Major Haddad, aged 45, is known as a previous ally of the family of Mr Camille Chamoun, the former President of Lebanon and a noted rival of the Gemayel family, a member of which is now Lebanon's head of state.

Deportation sought: Mr Neil Scher, acting director of the US Justice Department's special investigations unit arrived in Jerusalem this week to study the possibility of deporting Archbishop Valerian. This of Romania from America to Israel to stand trial for alleged war crimes, David Bernstein writes.

The 68-year-old former head of the Romanian Orthodox Episcopate in the US and Canada, who was stripped of his American citizenship last October, is alleged to have incited a pro-Nazi riot in Bucharest in 1941, which resulted in the deaths of some 230 Jews and Christians.

The Justice Department ordered Archbishop Trifa to be deported.



Protest kick: A young protester at a Mothers' Day march in Buenos Aires, held to demand information about the "disappeared ones", vents his frustration on a police motor cyclist.

Reagan envoy expected to pass Congress scrutiny

From Nicholas Ashford, Washington

Mr Richard Stone, President Reagan's choice as a special envoy to Central America, has emphasized the difficulties in bringing peace to that troubled region.

Shortly after the President announced his appointment, Mr Stone, a millionaire former senator from Florida, told a press conference that the odds are long against obtaining a negotiated settlement in El Salvador. "Anyone who thinks that a mere invitation to peace will produce peace is just inaccurate and unrealistic."

However, Mr Stone's most immediate problem is to win Congressional approval for his appointment. Although the White House is saying it expects him to be confirmed easily, some Congressmen have expressed concern about his right-wing views and his past associations with the government of Guatemala.

Between 1981 and 1982 Mr Stone was a registered foreign agent of the Guatemala Government. He explained his role as trying to "advance towards peace with Belize and to try and get an improvement of human rights in Guatemala sufficient to entitle and warrant a restoration of US relations and support".

Guatemala is not known for its respect for human rights. At least 20,000 people have been killed there in recent years, the majority by government forces or officially-condoned death squads.

Although human rights abuses are understood to have fallen since President Rios Montt ousted his predecessor, President Lucas Garcia, last year, the country's record is still considered one of the worst in the world.

Senator Charles Mathias, a member of the Senate would only approve Mr Stone's nomination after "a complete inventory of all his baggage". This would include Mr Stone's role in Guatemala and whether his "political philosophy is broad enough to deal with all parties in Central America".

President Reagan has argued that Mr Stone's work in Guatemala "just adds to the experience he's had down there and the job he can do".

However, a hurried examination of his Guatemala connections were responsible for a 24-hour delay in his nomination, and explains why the President did not announce his name in his address to the joint session of Congress on Wednesday night.

Mr Stone, a Spanish-speaker, was a member of the United States delegation that monitored the March last elections in El Salvador. Last February he held secret negotiations with President Managua which resulted in an agreement with the Government to hold presidential elections by the end of this year.

The speed with which his nomination goes through the Senate will provide an important test of Congress's reaction to the doctrine on Central

Costa Rica releases shipload of dynamite

From Martha Honey, Panamania, Costa Rica

A Swedish-owned ship has been released to resume its voyage to Nicaragua after Costa Rican authorities admitted its cargo of dynamite was for commercial use and not destined for left-wing guerrillas in the region.

The ship, lying offshore, with its five-man crew, was surrounded by American television crews, has been held for almost a week by Costa Rica, suspected of carrying clandestine arms to the left-wing Sandinista Government of Nicaragua.

A combination of official nerves and distortions in certain quarters have worked to blow this minor mishap into an international incident, which has further fuelled tensions between Costa Rica and Nicaragua.

Over the past two months there have been other incidents. These include the discovery near the Nicaraguan border of an arms-laden helicopter belonging to an anti-Sandinista guerrilla group; the arrest, apparently inside Costa Rican waters, of three American game fishermen and their Costa Rican guides; the reported overflight of a Nicaraguan military aircraft and several border incursions by Nicaraguan soldiers.

Earlier this week, President Luis Alberto Monge of Costa Rica announced he would not hold scheduled talks with the Sandinista leader Daniel Ortega.

Unlike Nicaragua's northern neighbour, Honduras, which is openly supporting Nicaraguan counter-revolutionary forces, Costa Rica publicly maintains its neutrality.

However, it is now an open secret that Señor Eden Pastora's Democratic Revolutionary Alliance and Señor Fernando "El Negro" Chamorro's Revolutionary Armed Forces of Nicaragua are moving considerable quantities of arms and men across Costa Rica and into Nicaragua, where they both claim to be opening a "southern front" against the Sandinistas.

Although both Señor Pastora and Señor Chamorro have been officially asked to leave Costa Rica, they move quietly in and out of the country.

United States involvement in anti-Sandinista activity in Costa Rica is widely suspected, but unconfirmed. The United States, with Israel, has also been urging Costa Rica, which has had no army since 1948, to build up its security forces and both countries are supplying military assistance.

Ex-minister accused of smuggling drugs

Miami (Reuters) - Colonel Luis Arce Gomez, the former Bolivian Interior Minister, and several of his top aides, have been indicted here for conspiring to smuggle hundreds of pounds weight of cocaine into the United States through Miami. None of them are in the United States.

Colonel Arce Gomez served in the Bolivian military regime which handed over power to a civilian government after elections last year.

An indictment returned by a federal grand jury alleges that he appointed henchmen to sensitive law enforcement posts in order to control the flow of drugs from Bolivia to the United States. It says he set up para-military enforcement groups to seize cocaine from traffickers who were not paying him protection money.

Mr Stanley Marcus, a United States attorney, told a press conference that Colonel Gomez and 17 people accused with him were in various places in South America and he hoped for cooperation in efforts to have them extradited to the United States.

Botha rebukes rugby official

Cape Town (AFP) - Mr F. W. Botha, the South African Prime Minister, has warned Mr Albert Ferrasse, the French Rugby Federation president, "not to interfere in domestic affairs".

The Star newspaper reported that Mr Ferrasse said on Thursday that he would speak out against apartheid.

The Prime Minister said: "We in South Africa do not like uncalculated interference with our domestic affairs." He would meet Mr Ferrasse "if I have time".

Blood test for former Beatie

Bonn - A Berlin court has ordered Paul McCartney, the former Beatle, to travel to West Berlin for a blood test by a court-approved doctor to decide whether he is the father of an illegitimate daughter.

A spokesman for Mr McCartney said in London: "He's happy to make himself available to prove he is not the father and did not know this woman." But it would not be necessary to travel to Berlin, he added.

Britain and US stage walk-out

Helsinki - The Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) confirmed that its autumn meeting will be held in Seoul, South Korea, despite communist protests.

British and American delegates walked out in protest against a draft resolution which said that the Falklands belonged to Argentina and condemned Washington for its links with South Africa.

Brunei denial

Bandar Seri Begawan (Reuters) - Brunei has denied threatening to end its production agreement with the Anglo-Dutch oil company Royal Dutch Shell unless Britain keeps its Gurkha troops in the sultanate after independence at the end of the year.

A Brunei Government spokesman said that a Reuters report that that effect was unfounded and misleading and its publication was deeply regretted.

Nuclear ban

Athens - Mr Andreas Papandreu, the Greek Prime Minister, said he will propose to the other Balkan leaders immediate action to establish a nuclear-free zone in the area.

"In any case," he added, "we are determined to remove nuclear arms from our country, unilaterally."

Palace attack

Tokyo (Reuters) - A 14-year-old schoolboy who threw a hammer at Emperor Hirohito on the grounds of the Imperial Palace on the emperor's eightieth birthday yesterday was arrested by police. The hammer fell short of a bullet-proof glass shield protecting the emperor.

Sofia appeal

Vienna (Reuters) - Two Italians jailed in Sofia earlier this month for spying are to appeal against the verdict to the Bulgarian Supreme Court. One received ten and a half years and the other three years.

A dog's life

Milan (Reuters) - Dozens of dog lovers turned up in a Milan court to support a man accused of stealing from well-off dogs to feed their poorer brethren. But the case was dismissed when the kennel owner who employed him dropped charges.

Correction

The omission of a line in a report on April 25 gave the impression that the Nationalists received an absolute majority of seats in Italy's last election in December 1978. Although the poll was held, the party obtained an absolute majority of the popular vote. The Main Labour Party retained a majority of seats.

East-West trade tension worsens

From Bailey Morris, Washington

Tensions in Washington over East-West trade worsened yesterday as Reagan Administration officials reacted negatively to an unusually strong diplomatic protest filed by the European Community.

The eight-page document, which was approved by the Council of Ministers last Monday, expressed the Community's "deep abiding concern" over new US proposals to tighten controls on Western trade to Soviet block countries.

Specifically, the Community urged the Administration to reconsider proposed legislation that would invest the President with even greater authority to restrict to flow of goods from both US and European companies to East Europe.

The Administration has asked for the tougher trade curbs in proposed legislation to renew the expiring US Export Administration Act. Congress is holding hearings on the legislation and is expected to take some important decisions in weeks ahead.

A Community official said the Council of Ministers decided to lodge a protest at this

EEC urges lower US rates

From Ian Murray, Brussels

The American Administration came under further pressure to use its influence to force down interest rates and stabilize currencies, at a top-level meeting in Brussels which ended yesterday.

The meeting was called by the US with the EEC, Japan and Canada specifically to study the effects of finance on trade.

The EEC has been growing increasingly anxious that high interest rates are bankrupting Third World countries and making it impossible for them to trade with industrialized countries.

At a meeting last week in Washington with President Reagan, Mr Gaston Thorn, the president of the European Commission, urged the Administration to intervene to cut interest rates and to stabilize exchange rates in order to help overcome the world recession.

This theme was taken up again at the meeting in Brussels when Mr William Brock, President Reagan's special trade representative, heard the case again.

'Stern' will not hand over diaries

From Michael Binyon, Bonn

The publisher of Stern announced yesterday that the Hamburg-based magazine would not hand over the Hitler diaries to an international historical commission to examine their authenticity, as in this way Stern would destroy its exclusivity.

Herr Henri Nannen, the publisher, said in a letter to the Munich Institute of Contemporary History that Stern has spent a "not inconsiderable amount of money on buying and researching the diaries. In reply to charges that the magazine was trying to make money out of their publication, Herr Nannen said he would not be so untruthful as to deny that

Minister of the Interior and the Foreign Minister for their support.

The East Germans yesterday continued to maintain silence on the affair. Contrary to the report published in The Times yesterday, they have not yet specifically denied that a forgery factory for fake Nazi documents existed in Potsdam.

Yesterday Herr Norbert Gansel, a Social Democratic member of the Bundestag, called on the Government to set up an international commission of experts to examine the diaries. He said this commission should include Soviet and Israeli experts.



Hot work: Mt Etna lava flows behind Swedish demolition expert Leisner (centre) as he studies ways of diverting it by dynamiting the slopes of the erupting volcano.

PARLIAMENT April 29 1983 Video pirates face two year sentences

COMMONS

The Copyright (Amendment) Bill, which is designed to stop the trade in pirate video material, was read the third time in the Commons. The Bill provides that manufacturers or importers of material made in breach of the copyright can be fined up to £1,000 on summary conviction or face an unlimited fine and up to two years' imprisonment on conviction in a higher court. Those who sell or hire out pirate videos face a fine of £1,000.

Sir John Eden (Bournemouth, West, C) the Bill's sponsor, moving the third reading, said the new penalties and the additional powers of search and seizure would comprise an important deterrent against what has become a major criminal activity, damaging alike to the interests of the law-abiding businessman and this country's trading reputation.

The international aspects of this traffic were one of its most serious features. Many of these films were first made in the United States. It was not surprising that the American interests were watching carefully the progress of this legislation.

The fact that this trade was being carried out was largely due to the extent of public demand. It was tempting for people to buy a copy of a video cassette for a price cheaper than what the legitimate copy would

cost, but it was wrong that, wittingly or unwittingly, they should be encouraging illegal activity.

He hoped that the passage of this Bill would reinforce the work being done by all those concerned to stop this crime. He hoped it would help to emphasize to members of the public generally that they should have no part of it.

This was an interim measure. What was urgently needed was the outcome of the Government's comprehensive review of copyright law. He hoped they would soon be in a position to be able to consider a new copyright Bill brought forward by the Government which would deal with all aspects of the infringement of copyright.

Mr Timothy Britton (Gravesend, C) said that when the small time-trader was faced with a £2,000 fine for each illicit copy he was retailing or hiring, he might begin to feel that the business was worth getting out of quickly.

Mr Ivor Lawrence (Barton, C) said that it would be a cause for great shame if they did not deal more urgently, as other countries already had, with video and audio piracy because London was the centre of the pirating world.

Mr William Walker (Perth and East Perthshire, C) said the real villains were the retailers who knowingly obtained pirate material and offered it for hire or sale. They were the pushers of the pirate trade. They

should kill off the manufacturers and distributors by driving the vendors out of business.

Mr Nicholas Baker (North Dorset, C), a practitioner with an interest in copyright in the film and record industry, said that the Bill was an important check on crime and he hoped it would allow the British film industry to develop.

Mr John Fraser, an Opposition spokesman on trade, prices and consumer protection (Lambeth, Norwood, Lab) said this was a small but extremely important reform of the law. Britain's copyright law was

Mr Iain Stewart, Under Secretary of State for Trade, said the Government was aware of the importance of new copyright law but one of the major problems was getting legislation to keep pace with technological change. The Government intended to bring forward appropriate legislation as soon as possible.

Video piracy had grown at an extraordinary rate in Britain and while the growth of the legitimate industry was to be welcomed the growth of the pirate sector was to be deplored. They were determined to cut out this cancer at the heart of the British film industry.

The scale of piracy was staggering, perhaps two-thirds of pre-recorded cassettes in the United Kingdom were pirate copies and £12m a year which should be returning to the industry was being drained away by the video pirates. The Government's support for this Bill was a clear sign that it was determined to defend the pirates.

The most important effect of the Bill was to increase the penalties which were ludicrously low. The severity of the penalties reflected the seriousness with which these offences were viewed.

The Bill was read a third time.

● The Coroners' Jurisdiction Bill, which applies to coroners' juries the same qualifications and disqualifications as apply to juries in the courts and which enables coroners' juries to be selected at random from the electoral roll as juries are in the courts, passed its remaining stages.

Oslo ready to sink foreign sub

Oslo (Reuters) - Norway threatened yesterday to sink a foreign submarine reported to be in one of its west coast fjords as Sweden launched a hunt for another suspected submarine.

Mr Anders Sjaastad, the Norwegian Defence Minister, said after a Cabinet meeting that the Navy had been ordered to sink any foreign submarine that violated Norway's territorial waters. He was speaking shortly after the naval command reported new sonar contacts in a fjord, where Norwegian ships and aircraft began searching for a suspected intruder on Thursday.

Mr Sjaastad said the new contacts in the Hardangerfjord, some 60 miles south of Norway's main naval base at Bergen, were "interesting".

● STOCKHOLM: The Swedish Navy yesterday continued to hunt for a suspected Soviet submarine spotted off the east coast town of Sundsvall on Thursday, Christopher Macey writes.

The sighting came just two days after the publication of a Government report blaming the Soviet Union for a long series of submarine intrusions.

Pope calls for release of Solidarity prisoners

The Pope is understood to have urged the Polish Government to release all political prisoners before he visits his homeland in June, thus adding substantial weight to church calls for an amnesty.

Church sources say that the Pope's message had been relayed to the authorities but so far there is no sign of a reaction. Several hundred Solidarity sympathizers are still in prison for martial law offences, such as organizing strikes, and the church has been trying to use the leverage of the papal visit to gain concessions on their behalf.

Some form of concession - though probably not a general amnesty - is likely but the Government wants first to ride out the expected demonstrations on May Day and May 3, for they will give some token of the strength of the Solidarity opposition.

Tomorrow, May Day, has been portrayed as by the Government as a crucial test of strength with the underground, with the authorities determined to show Poland's neighbours that limited political and economic reforms will not open up a new Pandora's box of unrest.

Kohl by Helmut Kohl

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Kohl puzzled by Honecker's cancellation of Bonn visit

From Michael Rhyon, Bonn

Chancellor Helmut Kohl yesterday described the decision by Herr Erich Honecker, the East German leader, to cancel his visit to Bonn as "incomprehensible", and said it did not release the East German leadership from its obligation to remove obstacles and improve relations between the two German states.

Replying to allegations of a press campaign against East Germany Dr Kohl said it was well known that the press in West Germany was free to say what it wanted. Bonn's policy would continue to strive for improvements for people living in all Germany.

The Bonn Government spokesman refused to go beyond the significantly brief statement, or to voice any official expression of regret. He said a possible renewal of the invitation at some later date was not a matter for discussion at present.

The Chancellor's taciturnity may reflect both his anger at the political hubbub here which has contributed to the cancellation, and his wish not to say anything that might further inflame relations between the two states, which have taken a sharp turn for the worse.

Other politicians, however, were more forthcoming. Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the Foreign Minister who has pressed strongly for "continuity" in Bonn's relations with East Berlin, said Herr Honecker's decision must not be the last word on a top-level dialogue this year. People in both parts of Germany expected it to continue and it was West Germany's responsibility not to make things more difficult.

The opposition Social Democrats were more outspoken, calling the cancellation a "tangible setback" and urging Dr Kohl to stand up to Herr Franz Josef Strauss, who has been leading the campaign to toughen up official policy towards East Germany.

For his part Herr Strauss's Christian Union has appeared somewhat surprised by the cancellation, which it wanted to come from the West German side. One party official said it was a sign that East Germany was not ready to make improvements in human contacts between the two states. Herr Strauss himself said the cancellation was something that had to be foreseen and would not have any tragic consequences. It was probably a good thing that Herr Honecker was not coming, Herr Strauss laid all the blame for the recent polemics over policy towards East Germany on the Free Democrats.

Red dye thrown at royal couple

From W.P. Reeves, Wellington

Red dye and eggs were thrown at the car carrying the Prince and Princess of Wales to their farewell banquet at the Sheraton Hotel in Auckland last night.

A group of protesters set up a soup-kitchen in the street outside the hotel. A more vocal group of demonstrators - composed of unemployed, disaffected Maoris, some fringe republicans and protesters against British presence in New Zealand - were kept behind police lines.

Three people were arrested but the protesters never reached the pitch their organisers had promised or the authorities had feared.

A banner proclaiming "The treaty is a fraud" - a reference to the treaty of Waitangi signed 143 years ago under which Maori chiefs ceded sovereignty to Queen Victoria in return for certain guarantees - was waving on the beach in the Bay of Islands earlier yesterday as the Prince and Princess boarded a giant traditional Maori war canoe.

They were propelled by the paddles of 80 warriors half a mile up the bay to a landing point beneath historic Waitangi treaty house.

The Princess looked a bit apprehensive at first as the long vessel gathered speed but was soon relaxed and smiling.

Prince Charles was presented with a carved ceremonial paddle and the Princess with a greenstone tiki (Maori amulet).

The royal couple and Prince William fly out of Auckland later today after a two-week visit which will have cemented New Zealand's strong ties with the crown. The papers aboard has been one delight, yesterday's protest notwithstanding.

For their part, the Prince and the Princess displayed a matching enthusiasm as they shook countless hands and exchanged pleasantries with well-wishers.

Predictably, the Princess was the star attraction. She was always elegant, demure and friendly.

Mr Robert Muldoon, the Prime Minister, who associated himself closely with the tour programme, touched on this aspect at the glittering farewell banquet last night.

He observed that New Zealand had its share of young people exhibiting some degree of orthodoxy and the establishment, but with the visit, he suggested they had seen the other side of the coin.

They would have found the Prince and Princess a charming, unaffected young couple with whom they could identify.

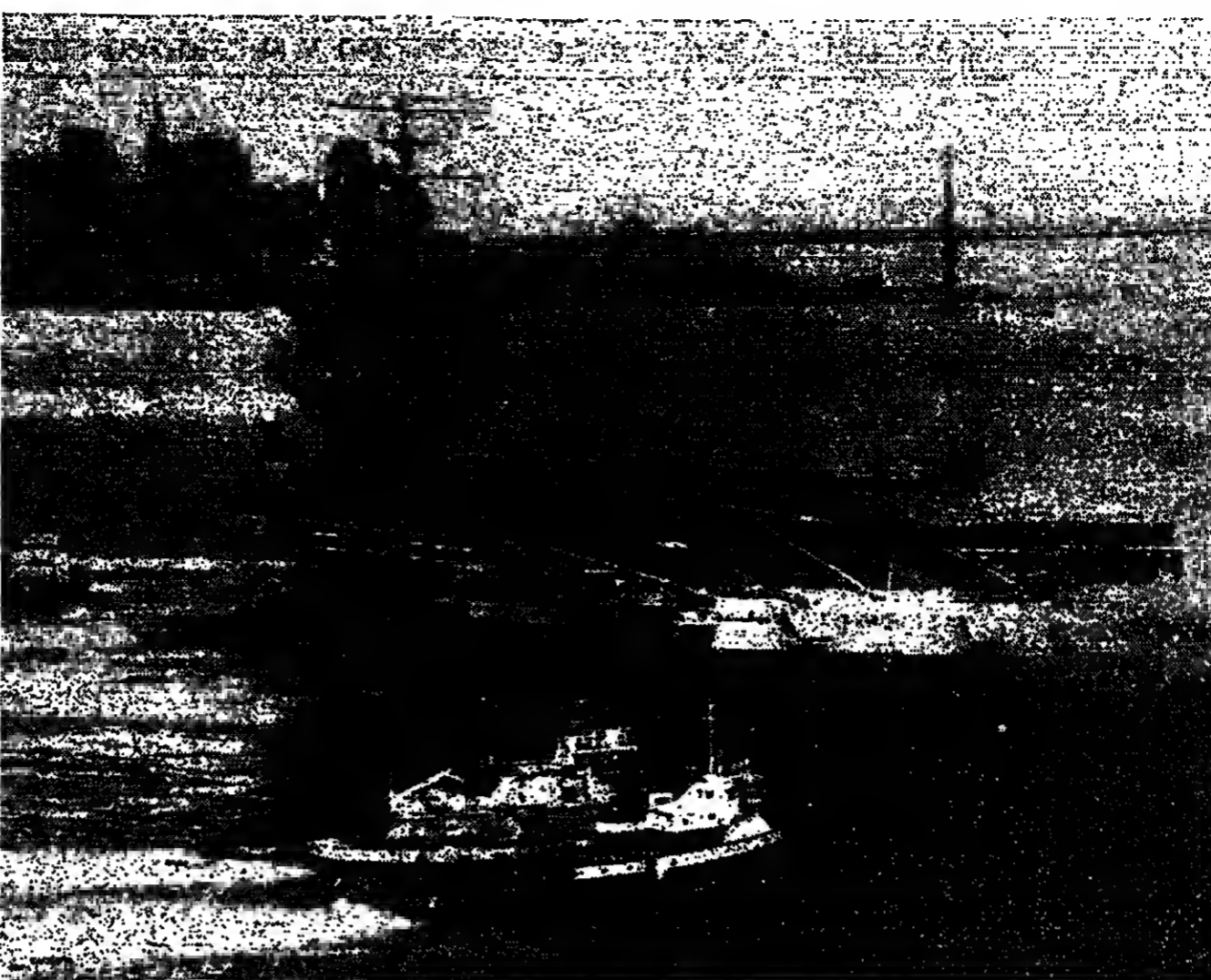
● **HONG KONG:** Princess Anne toured a new housing estate on an outlying island here yesterday shortly after her arrival in the colony from Tokyo, AP reports.

● **LONDON:** Fleet Street is being put on its best behaviour this weekend as the Prince and Princess of Wales fly to the Bahamas for what they hope will be an untroubled 10-day holiday, Rupert Morris writes.

Although none of the Fleet Street popular papers is sending a staff photographer to the Bahamas it remains to be seen whether they would be able to resist any candid shots that might be secured by some enterprising freelance photographer.

The Prince and Princess are flying from Los Angeles tonight to the tiny island of Windward, where they will stay at the holiday home of Lord Romney, the grandson of the late Lord Mountbatten.

Mr Michael Shea, the press secretary, made it clear yesterday that he would be "disappointed and saddened" if Fleet Street papers disregarded the couple's particular request to be left alone on this holiday.



Balancing act: The crew of the USS Enterprise crowd on to the extended flight deck in an attempt to right the listing ship after running aground in San Francisco Bay on returning home from an eight-month Pacific tour. The carrier was eventually freed at high tide.

Corsicans claim responsibility for mainland bombs

From Diana Geddes, Paris

The outlawed Corsican National Liberation Front (FLNC) has claimed responsibility for the carefully organized wave of 15 bomb attacks that struck Paris, Marseilles, Aix-en-Provence and Ajaccio in the Val-de-Marne early on Thursday, causing extensive damage but no injuries.

It is the first time since the Socialists came to power nearly two years ago that the separatist movement has attacked targets on mainland France. It has threatened to do so since the Government's decision last January to outlaw the movement, and to appoint France's top anti-terrorist policeman, Commissaire Robert Broussard, to take command of the island's security forces.

The Government's decision followed several months of intense terrorist activity which brought the number of attacks in Corsica last year to more

than 800, half of which were claimed by the FLNC. Police managed to arrest only four terrorists in the whole year.

Commissaire Broussard, who was greeted with suspicion and antipathy, has now become the island's hero. Since his arrival just over three months ago, terrorist attacks have dropped to an average of 45 a month, half the level over the three months at the end of last year, and 115 people have been arrested and imprisoned, including about a dozen with known or strongly suspected FLNC connections.

He has not employed the sharp repressive tactics that some feared, but has worked energetically and courageously to stamp out all crime, whether of political or criminal origin. One of his successes has been to show the extent to which the FLNC was in fact infiltrated by

ordinary criminal elements working for personal gain.

Yesterday's "coup" on the mainland is believed to have been an attempt by the separatists to restore their rather tarnished image and glazing morale. "The truce on the mainland is over," the FLNC announced immediately afterwards in an anonymous telephone call to Agence France-Press.

The five explosions in Paris took place in the railway stations of St Lazare, Montparnasse, L'Est and Austerlitz, and in the Air France bus terminal. A further six explosions took place in Marseilles.

The police, who had been expecting some such attack on the mainland sooner or later, were quick to swoop down on suspects, and immediately arrested 12 people considered to be close to the FLNC, six in Paris and six in Marseilles.

Bank strike violence in Spain

From Harry Debellus, Madrid

Banks functioned like speaking-casings in parts of Madrid yesterday, the first day of a nationwide one-week strike in which employees are demanding a 12.5 per cent wage increase.

Because of intimidation by roving groups of pickets employees at some branches turned off the lights visible from the street and refused to open the doors to anyone but regular customers.

Most banks, nevertheless, remained open, staffed by the large number of employees who did not join the strike.

There were incidents in Madrid on the eve of the strike, in which windows were smashed and door locks tampered with to prevent opening.

The communist Workers' Commissions and the socialist General Labour Union called on strikers to support their demand for a 12.5 per cent pay rise.

The bankers association stood by its previous offer of 9.5 per cent.

Disgraced officers plan to challenge ruling

From Richard Wigg, Madrid

General Alfonso Armada, former deputy Chief of the Spanish Army, is to appeal to the Constitutional Court against the maximum 30-year sentence imposed on him by the supreme court on Thursday for his role in the 1981 attempted coup, his lawyer confirmed yesterday.

A decree signed by King Juan Carlos is expected to be issued in the next few days dismissing General Armada from the service with dishonour together with Lieutenant General Jaime Milans del Bosch, the former captain general of the Valencia military region, who also received the maximum sentence.

The dismissal of Lieutenant Colonel Antonio Tejero, who led the armed Assault on Parliament on the night of the attempted coup, and who also received 30 years, will be published in the official Army Gazette.

All three will lose rank, decorations and the right to wear uniform, but will keep their acquired pension rights.

Colonel Tejero's lawyer had already stated that his client will not only appeal to the Constitutional Court, set up in 1978, but also attempt to take his case before the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg.

Spain's Constitutional Court will hear the appeals only if it decides basic human rights were infringed.

The Supreme Court, which increased General Armada's original court martial sentence

five times and found him guilty of military rebellion, said the general had played a double game with proven participation in the plotting and execution of the coup.

The seven civilian judges in one of their most stinging passages declared: "If the rebellion triumphed he would be the new Prime Minister, supplanting the legitimate one, and if it failed the general would be the benefactor who secured the surrender of the rebels in parliament."

The Supreme Court increased the sentences on five Civil Guard officers and quashed the acquittals of seven others.

With a photograph of General Milans wearing Spain's highest gallantry award and an editorial on the frontpage, *El Alcazar*, the extreme right-wing Madrid daily, sought yesterday to stir up feelings of victimization in the armed forces.

Still describing those convicted as "men of honour", the editorial said they had received tough sentences "from the Supreme Court at a time when convicted former ETA terrorists were being put in the streets again."

Yesterday's fatal shooting of a civilian guard in Corunna in north-western Spain after the bus he was driving had dropped children of the paramilitary force at school, was being regarded in political circles as a possible attempt to provoke the extreme right. There was no clear identification of the gunman.

Next step on Gibraltar 'up to Britain'

From Our Own Correspondent, Madrid

Spain is willing to fulfil the 1980 Lisbon Agreement on Gibraltar, but Britain must "take the first step", Señor Fernando Morán, the Foreign Minister, declared here yesterday.

"If the United Kingdom takes a gradual approach Spain will do the same, though under no circumstances will we like the people of Gibraltar," the minister is reported to have said referring to the British attitude towards a "decolonization process" for Gibraltar. He contrasted this with the demand that he said Mrs Margaret Thatcher made in London last month, namely that Spain must end all its restrictions on Rock.

He said last December's partial opening of the frontier with Gibraltar had benefited Spain economically.

Communists in Portugal to exploit May Day

From Susan MacDonald, Lisbon

Tomorrow's big May Day rallies in Portugal are being used by Communist-backed trade unions to celebrate the overthrow of the centre-right Democratic Alliance coalition in last Monday's general election and the small increase in the number of Communist Deputies returned to Parliament.

As was the case last year, the Socialist and Communist unions will hold separate rallies in different parts of the country. A year ago, clashes between rival demonstrations in Oporto led to the death of two people.

Details of a report by the Public Prosecutor's Office have just been divulged by the association of Oporto trade unions, which says the document, citing eyewitness testimony, accuses the police of causing the deaths and injuries

Azaria's mother loses appeal

From Tony Daboussi, Melbourne

Mrs Lindy Chamberlain is back in jail after her appeal against conviction for the murder of her 10-week-old daughter Azaria was unanimously dismissed by the full bench of the Federal Court in Sydney yesterday. The court also dismissed and appeal by her husband, Pastor Michael Chamberlain, against his conviction for being an accessory after the fact of murder.

Sir Nigel Bowen, the Chief Judge of the Federal Court, announcing the decision, ordered that Mrs Chamberlain be sent to Berrimah jail in Darwin.

Shortly after the court's decision, lawyers for the Chamberlains lodged and application for bail for Mrs Chamberlain.

A court spokesman said that the bail application would be heard in Canberra on Monday. Meanwhile, Mrs Chamberlain will be held in jail at Silverwater, a Sydney suburb.

Mrs Chamberlain was found guilty by a jury of nine men three women in the Northern Territory Supreme Court in Darwin last October on a charge of murdering her daughter Azaria at Ayers Rock in August, 1980, and sentenced to life imprisonment with hard labour. Her husband received an 18 months suspended sentence.

Throughout the trial, one of the most sensational in Australian legal history, Mrs Chamberlain alleged that a dingo (wild dog) had taken the baby from the family's tent. The baby's body has never been recovered.

Mrs Chamberlain was released on bail in November last year for the birth of her daughter Kahliia. Yesterday a spokesman for Mr Doug Everingham, the Northern Territory attorney general, said that Mrs Chamberlain would not be allowed to take Kahliia with her to jail.

Yesterday's judgement came in two parts, one a joint statement of 83 pages from Sir Nigel Bowen and Sir William Forster. The other from Mr Justice Jenkinson took up 150 pages. The two senior judges said that the jury verdict in October meant that they dispelled the most significant part of the evidence given by Pastor and Mrs Chamberlain.

They said: "whatever may be thought about the importance of seeing and hearing expert scientific witnesses in order to evaluate their testimony, we are in no doubt that in assessing the credibility of the two appellants the jury, who saw and heard them, enjoyed a considerable advantage over this court."

"There is nothing about their evidence when read which compels belief, rather the reverse. As they must have done, we are quite unable to say that they were wrong."

Signor Bettino Craxi, the Socialist leader, has taken his party out of the coalition in the hope that it will win more than the 9.8 per cent obtained in the 1979 election.

Signor Fanfani's Government has shown itself incapable of setting the economy on its feet, in spite of an agreement concluded with the trade unions and employers' representatives in January to curb labour costs.

Greece and Turkey try again

From Mario Modiano, Athens

Greece and Turkey have agreed to renew efforts to improve their relations but also to refrain from any action that might prejudice them.

This promising first step towards a rapprochement was made in Strasbourg on Thursday during a two-hour meeting between the foreign ministers of Greece and Turkey, Mr Yiannis Haralambopoulos and Mr Iker Turkmen.

The pledge to abstain from provocative actions is significant, as Greece makes it a condition for the resumption of the diplomatic dialogue.

Turkish poll date
Ankara (AP) - President Kenan Evren of Turkey announced yesterday that a general election for a new 400-member parliament, to mark a full return to civilian rule, will be held on November 6.

The military regime took over the country on September 12, 1980, in a bloodless coup, and last November a new constitution was approved in a national referendum. General Evren was elected president for a seven-year term in the same ballot. Last weekend the generals partially lifted a ban on political activity as a new law on political parties came into force.

between the two countries, which the Greek Socialists broke off when they came to power 18 months ago.

Greece and Turkey have serious differences over questions of sovereignty and jurisdiction in the Aegean. The Turkish side's systematic practice of challenging the width of Greek air space in the area has led to dangerous incidents in the past.

Last November, following massive Turkish air violations, the Greek Government called off a meeting of the two foreign ministers which was due in Brussels.

The improvement in relations coincided with a unanimous decision by the foreign relations committee of the US Senate to uphold the seven-to-10 ratio on military aid to Greece and Turkey for the fiscal year 1984.

Nato wants frigate for the allies

From Ian Murray, Brussels

Plans for a Nato frigate which could suit all member states of the alliance are to be drawn up early next year. This was agreed this week during the regular six-monthly meeting here of the alliance's Conference of National Armaments Directors (CNAD).

The project, known by the initials NFR (Nato Frigate Requirement), has been under examination for some time already and this week's meeting studied a "pre-feasibility report".

This gave the green light to more detailed work on the idea.

Agreement on a Nato frigate would be a significant move towards standardization of equipment by members of the alliance.

Lawyers defending the four men in the big IRA gun-running trial in New York, now entering its final phase, have in the past few weeks been drawing a picture of brutal British tactics in Northern Ireland, in the hope of evoking the sympathy of the jury.

There has been no serious attempt to deny that a gun-running operation was contemplated. The principal defence tactic is to try to establish that the men were working at the behest of the Central Intelligence Agency and, therefore, indirectly, with the US Government's approval.

Mr Gabriel Magahey, aged 40, a barrister living in Queens, New York, was asked if he knew the weapons he was handing would be used against troops on Northern Ireland. He said: "They were going to be used to defend our people against the atrocities of the British Army, to defend the Catholic people, the nationalist people of Ireland."

Miss Carol Amon, the main prosecuting lawyer, pressed Mr Magahey to say if he had sent remote-control devices for bombs that would be used to

destroy property and individuals. "My people have tried every means, including civil rights marches. We have been left no choice but to fight back, regret it as we may."

Earlier in the trial, defence lawyers convinced Judge Charles Sifton that the Federal Bureau of Investigation should disclose what contacts, if any, there had been with British authorities in preparing the case. The FBI refused and the Judge later told the jury: "The Government of Great Britain has an intense interest in this case, and that interest was communicated to the agents at the inception of the investigation."

It is crucial to the defence case to prove that the gun-running operation had the blessing of the CIA. Last year five admitted IRA gun-runners were acquitted after convincing a New York jury that they believed a man secretly acting for the FBI was a CIA agent.

In that case, the judge told the jury the defendants could be found innocent if they believed the accused had reasonably relied on his apparent authority

IRA gun-running trial

Attempt to prove CIA role

From Christopher Thomas, New York

from the United States Government.

The present case has been marked by a good deal of hostility between lawyers defending Mr Eamon Meehan and his brother Colin, and those defending Mr Andrew Duggan and Mr Magahey. Lawyers for the Meehans say their clients were recruited by Mr Magahey, who in turn had been manipulated by the Government's main witness in the case, Mr Michael Hanratty.

Mr Hanratty, a New York electronic surveillance expert, claims he was approached for devices capable of triggering a bomb. He has been subjected to lengthy questioning by defence lawyers, who uncovered a history of petty crime, bankruptcy and a stay in mental hospital.

Mr Duggan has called a Congressman, Mr Benjamin Gilman, a character witness. Mr Gilman, a member of the House of Representatives ad hoc committee on Irish affairs, said he had toured Northern Ireland and visited prisons.

Mr Duggan had visited him often to discuss violations of human rights

Nakasone cultivates his Asian neighbours

From Richard Hanson, Tokyo

When Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone, Japan's Prime Minister, took office last November, after a battle for power within the ruling Liberal Democratic Party, he made a point of telephoning personal greetings to, among others, a number of leaders in Asia.

This was an unprecedented piece of public relations for an incoming Japanese prime minister. Though seemingly a minor gesture, the courtesy calls signalled the start of what was to be an impressive - by past Japanese standards - round of "personal" diplomacy, helping to smooth the way for Mr Nakasone's latest initiative, his first official tour of South-East Asia, starting today.

He scored remarkably high marks in the United States, Japan's most important ally, during his first official visit in January. He arrived in Washington having managed first to repair badly-strained ties with South Korea during an historic trip to Seoul, the first since post-war relations were normalized.

Success in forging personal relations of "trust and friendship" with the leaders of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (Asean), as well as Brunei, will no doubt be regarded as one more feather in Mr Nakasone's diplomatic hat.

Coming before next month's Williamsonburg summit of top industrial powers, Mr Nakasone apparently also views the Asean trip as a chance, as one commentator put it, to establish clearly his country's identity as "Japan inside Asia" and not as a powerful interloper in a region in which Japan since the Second World War has been regarded with considerable suspicion.

During the 10-day tour, Mr Nakasone will assure Asean - Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand and the Philippines - that Japan intends to remain a peace-loving nation, and to contribute to economic and political stability in the region.

He will emphasize improving relations beyond the economic level, where most of Japan's interests so far have centred.

Mr Nakasone, fortunately, will not face anything like the strong anti-Japanese feeling which greeted the first official



Mr Nakasone: Smoothing ruffled feathers.

visit by a Japanese leader, the former Prime Minister Mr Kakuei Tanaka, 11 years ago.

Relations in recent months have been mostly good. Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, Malaysia's Prime Minister, made an official visit to Japan, and Mr Lee Kuan Yew, Singapore's Prime Minister, also met Mr Nakasone during an unofficial visit last month.

Mr Nakasone may, however, have more difficulty meeting Asean expectations on trade and economic aid. Asean wants more access to the Japanese market. It is unlikely that the present situation, with Japan as a supplier of manufactures and Asean as a supplier of raw materials (and cheap labour for Japanese manufacturing investment), will change in the near future.

Japan's trade with Asean totalled \$34,300m (£21,440m) last year (13 per cent of Japan's total trade), with a large surplus in Asean's favour. The surplus, however, is concentrated in Indonesia and Malaysia, which supply huge amounts of energy and raw materials. Both have suffered lately, from a slump in world oil and commodity prices. Other Asean states, with deficits in bilateral trade, have been hit hard by recession.

Indonesia, Thailand and the Philippines are pressing for large increases in aid this year. But the Japanese Government, faced with fiscal problems at home, is likely to limit its generosity.

THE TIMES DIARY

Reign in Spain?

The Spanish newspaper Diario 16 has an intriguing, nay positively inspired report that the Foreign Office has requested approval for the appointment of Lord Thomas as Britain's next ambassador to Madrid...

What's new

Next week sees the first issue of yet another SDP-Liberal Alliance publishing venture. The monthly New Democrat incorporates the former Alliance magazine and attempts to replace the fortnightly Democrat...

The Hare and Hounds Inn at Sidbury in Devon advertises "Children's Room and Monkey Sanctuary."

Table d'Herut

Lieutenant-General Rafael Eitan, whose recent retirement as Israeli chief of staff was out as speedy as the Kahan report on the Sabra and Chatila massacres...

Getting ahead

Staff at the Daily Express are keeping careful watch on their new editor, Sir Larry Lamb. Twenty years ago as humble Albert, a sub-editor on the Daily Mail he bent over his desk in his hurry to get on...

Cutting remarks

There was hollow laughter at the British Tourist Authority's information centre in St James's when a call came from the Department of Trade to say that a group of visiting dignitaries were expected to visit the centre...

Richard Baker arrived with perfect timing at a studio of TV on just as Fleet Street emerged from Timothy Atkin's press conference. A new signing? The former BBC newsreader, now a freelance, regretted not: "This is my son," he explained. "He works here."

Roger and out

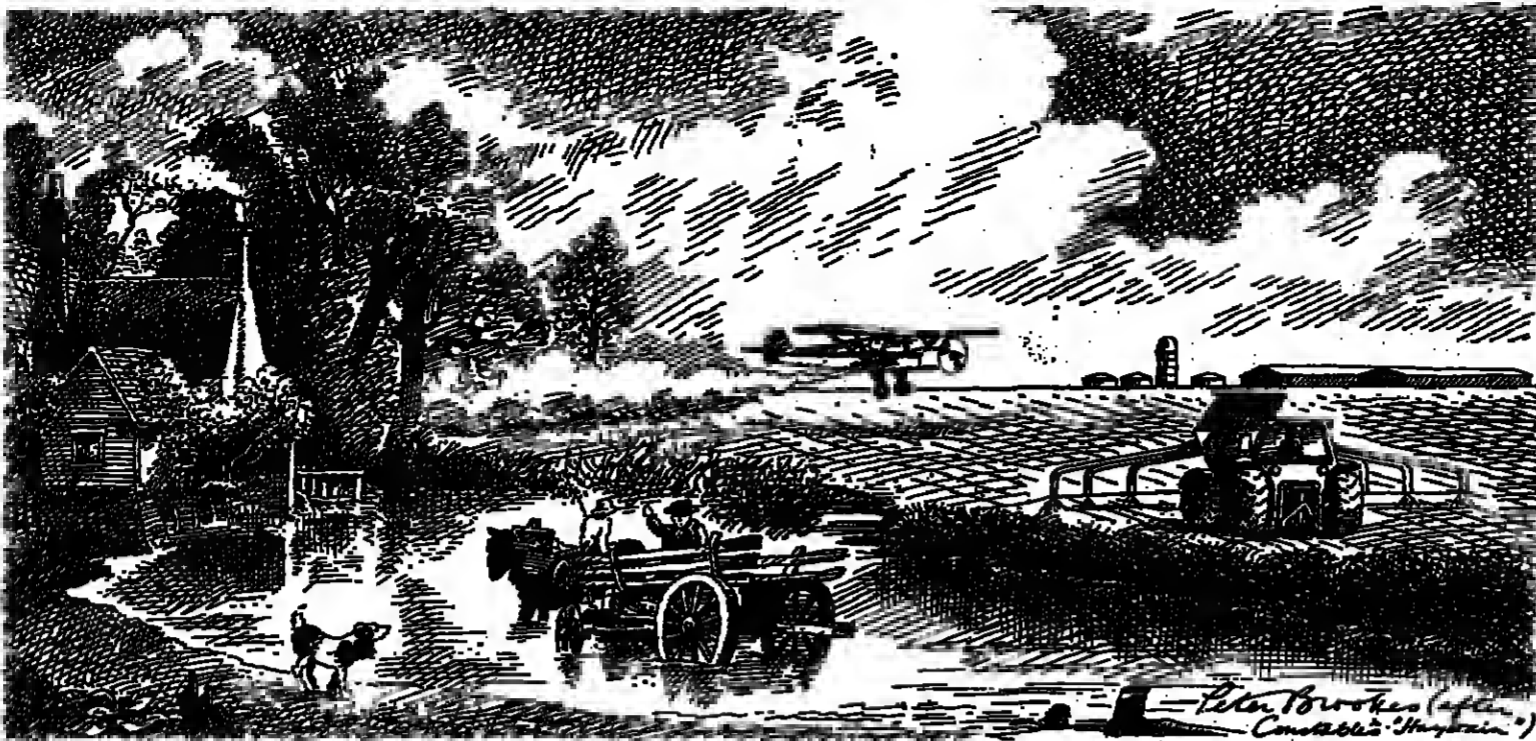
What Pryce accuracy? Virgin Film's publicity for The Ploughman's Lunch apologizes for calling Jonathan Pryce, who is in the film, Roger Pryce, who is out. "This was entirely due to our current preoccupation with the BBC-TV series Roger Doesn't Live Here Anymore in which Jonathan plays Roger." It sounds more like a dog's breakfast.

Brush-off

In a letter published in the March issue of Good Housekeeping Joan Bernitz of Brighton expressed the wish that she could fly to Milan regularly to have her hair done. She has now received a letter from M. J. B. Cox, director of Fitzherbert's Hair Artists, her usual stylist, saying that if she admits the Milan hairdressing salons so much, he suggests she patronize those establishments "whose employees may enjoy dealing with you more than do."

Dingos are innocent, OK? Not only has Lindy Chamberlain's appeal been refused in Australia, but Patrick Stone Cutting writes to say that the animal which bit him in Australia (Diary April 12) was not a dingo but a domestic terrier. Nor did it get him in the outbreak, leaving a ten-inch scar, but in Todd Street, Alice Springs, nipping his shin. Cutting thinks we ought to get this right, for the sake of the Northern Territory's tourist trade.

The countryside debate: conservation v subsidized surpluses



Must the taxpayer be milked?

Send the farmer back to market

The main purpose of taking money away from the taxpayer and giving it to the farmer was, we were told when the system began in 1947, to keep people employed on the land. Since then, two things have happened: the number of farmers and farm workers has more than halved and the burden on the taxpayer of supporting those who survived has about doubled in real terms.

Wanted: a better spread of money

The inequities of the "voluntary" system of wild life conservation introduced by the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 - in reality a system of expensive bribes to try to persuade a few lucky farmers to protect a small number of select sites - could be ended by extending the system we use to control anti-social development in urban areas.

Must the taxpayer be milked?

cheaply and efficiently as other countries. Last week I was in the United States and flew over some of the 83 million acres now being "set aside". It is an area twice the size of the UK's total farmland, and all of it is oow to lie fallow. Yet the soil and the climate is almost perfect for the growing of wheat, maize and other grains, at about half the cost here.

Richard Body

The author is Conservative MP for Holland with Boston. The authors are taking part in a day of debate on the future of the countryside at the Natural History Museum, South Kensington, today

Michael Binyon

Swapping bouquets of barbed wire across the border

It is not a pleasant experience crossing the East German border. In my case the customs official was apparently friendly. But his banter became increasingly pointed: where had I spent the day in East Berlin and with whom? Had I been to the GDR before, known anyone there already? Names please, and addresses...

1971 transit agreement on access to West Berlin may come under strain, that hopes of a reduction in the compulsory sum western visitors have to exchange on entry will be dashed, that progress in talks on joint environmental protection measures and a possible cultural treaty will be stalled.

The tone was correct but intimidating. I felt menaced by unspoken threats, by suggestions of undefined guilt, and when everything was eventually given back and I was politely wished goodbye, I found I was trembling.

On the eastern side, dependence on the West to maintain living standards, especially at a time of economic crisis in all Eastern Europe, is now so great that East Berlin cannot afford to break off contacts and contracts. It has also come to see itself in an all-German

context: not politically, of course, but culturally and spiritually. Ordinary people feel part of the western world by proxy. They take part vicariously in the debates and social currents sweeping West Germany. And the leaders have concluded that it is not possible to consolidate the East German state - always a principal aim - on a basis of opposition to West Germany.

East Germany has long given high priority to stability between the two states. It has been drawn willy-nilly into the process of "coming together", which has perforce had to replace the unrealizable dream of German unity.

Will East Germany again become the forbidden land, the self-isolated enemy of the capitalist West, rebuffing all attempts at closer links and human contacts?

Chancellor Kohl must be furious. He believes strongly in keeping the dialogue alive, in the continuity of the "special relationship" that was beginning to grow up across the East-West divide and survived even the change of government in Bonn. But events moved too quickly for him. His old rival, Herr Strauss, still smarting from his worsting in the coalition negotiations, saw his chance and ran with it.

Gillian Tindall

Two years ago, when the sensational Exit trial was pending and the Voluntary Euthanasia Society was in disarray, the police raided the society's office, seized copies of its booklet, A Guide to Self-Deliverance, and arrested - briefly, and with embarrassment - its then chairman, Lord Beaumont.

Peter Melchett

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Bernard Levin: the way we live now

A passionate insight into the master's mind. There is an ancient Chinese proverb which runs "If the very leaders of a nation are going to get in on the act, what will be left for the poor columnists?" For I, too, have been to Alfred Brendel's series of seven recitals at the Queen Elizabeth Hall, and I, too, have something to say on the subject. Let us see whether there is enough to go round; somehow, I rather think there will be.

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The conclusion might well be that the present system should be dismantled altogether, that the consumer should be allowed to buy the food of first choice, and the only reason why the public should be coerced into paying money to farmers is to protect and conserve the countryside. The latter task could then be entrusted to the Department of the Environment, which would do the opposite to what the Ministry of Agriculture has been doing for nearly 40 years.

Richard Body

The answer is to maintain the existing level of public support for agriculture, but to spend the money very differently. How this could be done is detailed in a report by Clive Potter, Investing in Rural Harmony, available from the World Wildlife Fund.

Peter Melchett

Briefly, an alternative system of agricultural support would aim to continue support for food production on land already intensively farmed, but a number of new objectives would be added. Support would be used to create new jobs, to encourage traditional farming in areas where this is important for wildlife or the landscape, to give more help to small, poor and part-time farmers, and less to the big and rich.

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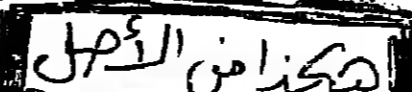
I would not unsway a word of that, but I feel that the emphasis has shifted. Now, the chief impression left by every one of the programmes takes the form of a conviction of absolute authenticity.

In other words, there is an infinity of authenticities in the Beethoven sonatas (yet another definition of art, it occurs to me); but that did not stop Brendel's versions, over these seven enchanted evenings, sounding as though they had sprung fully armed from the composer's obole brow.



Brendel: creating an impression of absolute authenticity

he brought to the Appassionata itself. All the way through we have been transfixed not by the performer's art but by the composer's - the last, and the most searching, of all. Brendel vanishes behind the music; it is almost true to say that if you shut your eyes you miss nothing. What you gain is a journey, in Brendel's company, through Beethoven's genius, a journey of 32 miles on each of which is carved passion, understanding, joy, hope, confidence, beauty, power, together with suffering and darkness, and, at the last, a serenity which is not of this world, but which Beethoven has been trusted to bring down to us from his own Sinai of despair defeated.



MARKET REPORT by Michael Clark

Doubt on Bellair's success

ACCOUNT DAY: Dealings began, April 25. Dealings end, May 6. Contango Day, May 8. Settlement Day, May 15.

The sweet smell of success is turning a little sour for Mr Arthur Hill and the rest of his colleagues at Bellair Cosmetics...

Wasson is owned by two Turkish businessmen, Mr Mehmet Tecimer and Mr Haleo Ackay and Mr Hill's own private company Fentoo Hill has agreed to sell them its 76 per cent controlling interest...

But the market is mentioning Wasson in the same breath as that other Turkish entrepreneur, Mr Asit Nedir, and reckons that a shell operation in Bellair may soon be on the way...

Yesterday, the board of Bellair announced its concern at the sharp rise in the share price, which they say is unjustified...

Sources close to Bellair say a meeting between the company and Wasson is expected in the near future. Last night, the shares closed at 195p, valuing Bellair at £5m, way above the 17p the shares were traded at earlier this year.

Shares of Halsey Hughes, the central heating and plumbing group, put up a steady performance yesterday, closing unchanged at 575p, despite a large seller of 250,000 shares just below the market price.

The rest of the equity market spent a quiet session with investors unwinding positions ahead of the bank holiday weekend. The FT Index ended the day 1.5 lower at 6953.3.

Gilt recovered early falls of up to 2½ to close all square on the day, as sterling rose 0.05 cents higher on the foreign exchange at \$1.5600. Only the index-linked stocks remained

dull with falls of ½, reflecting yesterday's new issue £1,000m of index-linked convertible stock.

Among the insurance companies broker James Capel underlined its recent bearish stance on Commercial Union when it sold 5 million shares cum-dividend at 165p. The shares ended the day 2p lower at 156p. According to Capel CU will be hard pressed to take advantage of any upturn in the US insurance market when it arrives. Last year, US business accounted for more than 50 per cent of total premium income in excess of £1,000m.

After Thursday's better-than-expected first quarter figures showing pre-tax profits up from £62m to £128m shares of ICI encountered profits taking. The absence of overnight US support for the shares saw jobbers mark the shares easier touching 468p at one stage, before closing

at 472p - a net fall on the day of 4p. Selective support benefited Glaxo 10p higher at 885p, but Hawer Siddeley lost 4p to 390p. On the bid front Softley Parke Bernet ended the day 5p

Higher Inter-City Investments has come in for a lot of option activity this week with more than 150,000 shares written for the call at 7p. Full-year figures are expected shortly and it is hoped may show a return to profits after two years of losses. The shares closed unchanged at 37p yesterday. The Swiss group Mountain Investments owns 7.5 per cent.

higher at 510p, after 520, amid reports that the firm's dealer, has requested its brokers to buy the shares in the market. The venture is thought to have met only minimal success. General Felv Industries has made a £60m bid for the company

which has been vehemently contested. Still reflecting the disappointing reception given to the launch of Telestar on Wall St this week, shares of Exco International, which owns 57 per cent of the share, lost another 25p to 633p.

The board of Percy Bilton says it strongly disputes many of the assertions put forward by Trust Securities in its bid document this week and again urge shareholders to reject the £104m bid. Shares of Percy Bilton ended the day 2p lower at 280p.

This week's newcomer, Octopus Publishing, recovered from its disappointing debut with the shares rallying 14p to 272p compared with a minimum tender price of 273p. In breweries, Bass encountered profit taking after Thursday's strong run, closing 2p lower at 320p, while bid speculation added another 10p to Scottish & Newcastle at 90p before closing unchanged at 89p. But Grand Metropolitan, the Watneys and Trumans brewery group, was a weak spot, losing 7p to 347p.

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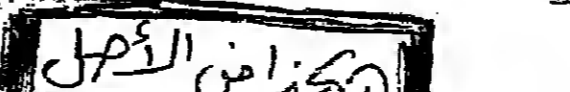
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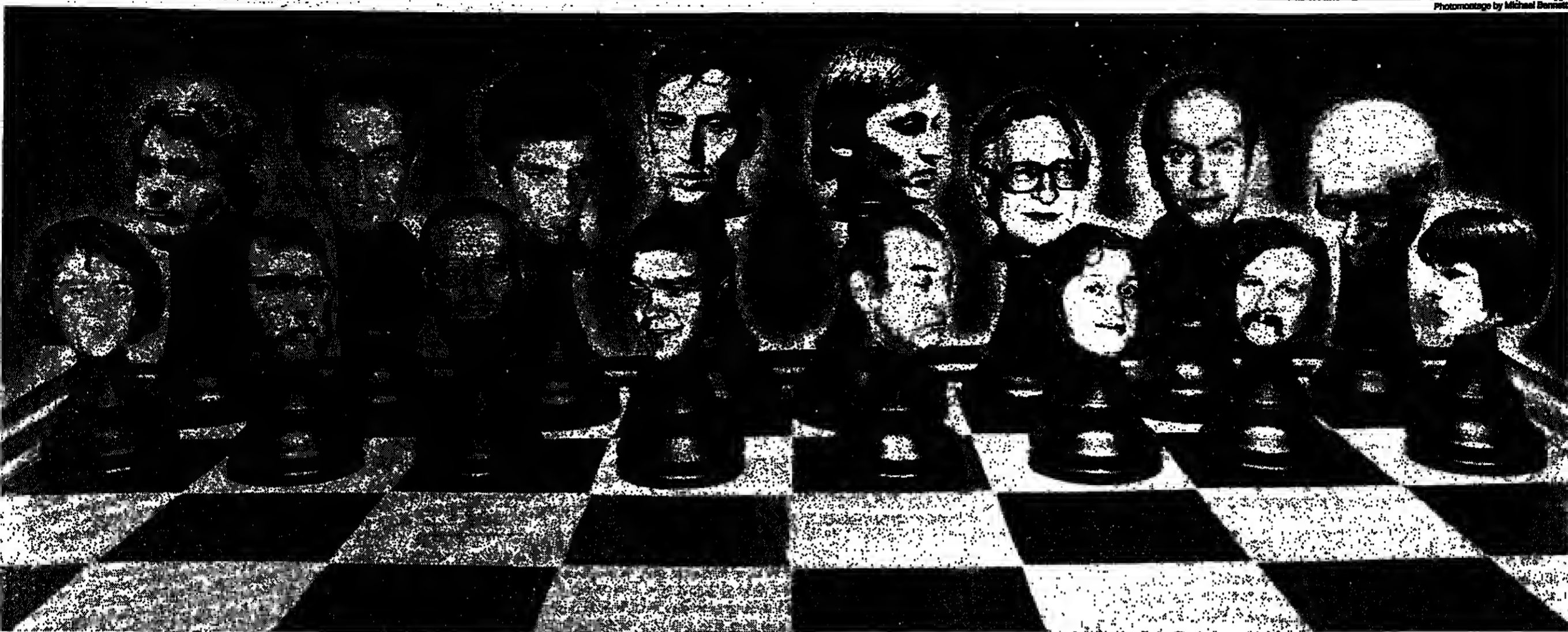
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Tennis serves it up, snooker makes pots out of it and now the oldest strategic game of them all has formed its own Grand Prix.

Shirley Caftano reports on this and the battle for the world

Masters of chess

Raymond Chandler described it as the greatest waste of human intelligence outside an advertising agency. Many of Britain's growing number of chess players would cheerfully endorse that assessment of their favourite pastime. For some, though, the growth of chess as a sport and the rewards brought by increased sponsorship can make it seem an attractive investment of mental energy. Of the three or four million in this country who enjoy an occasional game of chess, some 40,000 take it seriously enough to sacrifice frequent evenings to club and league matches. Ten thousand of these form the hard core of dedicated chess addicts who may be seen participating on the circuit of weekend

tournaments known as the Leigh Grand Prix. A single tournament chess game represents about four hours of intense concentration. In many respects the experience may be likened to that of sitting an examination of the same length. A weekend tournament usually comprises six such examinations, crammed into less than 48 hours. A typical schedule begins with one game on the Friday evening, followed by three rounds on the Saturday in an orgy of almost continuous play lasting from breakfast time until midnight. Then up again on Sunday morning for another two blasty-eyed battles. There can hardly be a more exhausting way to spend a weekend, yet so popular are

such events that there are now more than 200 weekend tournaments each year at different locations throughout the country. The atmosphere is strained but friendly, despite the intense level of competition and often cramped playing conditions. Chessboards are lined up on trestle tables, under which contestants jostle for leg room. The only sounds are the ticking of chess clocks, reminding players that they have only a limited time in which to execute their moves, and the susurrations of shuffling chessmen as whispered analysis diagnoses the causes of defeat in already finished games. Occasionally the tension produces a harsher plea for silence from one whose game is still in progress.

The rigorous schedule is a test of stamina as well as chess skill and may explain why chess has become very much a young man's game. Anyone over the age of 30 is liable to be described as a veteran in the chess press. Beyond that, it is difficult to characterize the typical weekend chess warrior. They are predominantly middle-class, university educated and male. Although the growing popularity of chess seems to be quickly eroding the class and education barriers, the sexual stereotype is more firmly entrenched.

Nobody is quite sure why the best female chessplayers have never reached the standards of their male counterparts. Sociological, physiological and psychological explanations have all been advanced, but none less convincing than the Freudian theory: a player's strongest ally is his queen (mother-figure) which helps in his aim of slaying the enemy king (patricide); such an Oedipal urge is a male preserve; ergo, women can't play chess.

I don't believe it and neither do our top women players, who have recently taken the first step towards equality by showing an increasing tendency to reject participation in women-only events in favour of mixed competition. The old feminine mantle of the British Ladies' Chess Association was thrown off last year with a change of name; the new "macho" image is represented by the British Women's Chess Association. Chessmen beware.

For the time being, however, the leading male players take home most of the cash prizes in weekend tournaments offered by local sponsors. First prize may be anything between £100 and £1,000, but the points scored in each event also count towards a player's total in the Leigh Grand Prix. At the end of each year, the best overall performance earns the title of Grand Prix Champion and a bonus of £2,000. More than half a million man-hours will have been expended in this quest for grand prix chess honours. The sponsors, Leigh Interests of Walsall, are a company which specializes in international waste disposal. Raymond Chandler would no doubt have considered that most appropriate.

For the majority of grand prix pretenders, the principal attractions of a tournament is simply the opportunity to spend a weekend thinking of nothing but chess. For some the prizes are more important, but the competition is hard. About 50 chessplayers in this country are trying to make a living out of the game, and the total amount of prize money on offer is no more than £60,000. Most will supplement their earnings by teaching or writing. Only the very best can command the appearance fees which will provide a steady income from competitive play.

Chess champions, past, present and future: From left; John Nunn, Boris Spassky, Jonathan Speelman, Tigran Petrosian, Robert Häbner, Garry Kasparov, Zoltan Ribli, Bobby Fischer, Anatoly Karpov, Viktor Korchnoi, Vassily Smyslov, Jan Timman, Mikhail Tal, Tony Miles, Mikhail Botvinnik and Nigel Short

The long grind of weekend tournaments has become the apprenticeship which any young British player must serve before he enters the ranks of the internationals. Then he can dispense with the exhausting frivolity of three games a day. International competitions are overplayed at a rate less steady than a single game each day.

Anyone who has visited any sort of chess tournament and mixed with the players, would have few qualms about classifying chess as a sport. The game itself has strong artistic qualities, and the physical effort involved in lifting chess pieces is not very great, but its leading exponents predominantly display the competitive characteristics of sportsmen rather than the creativity of artists. The physical toll exacted by a hard chess game is easily underestimated and many are surprised to learn that the world's leading chessplayers train physically as well as mentally for important tournaments.

In this country, however, chess is still a recreation. When the British Chess Federation applied for government aid some years ago, their request was shunted between departments until finally awarded a grant by the Department of Education and Science under their provisions for further education. A satisfactory result for the chessmen, but in their next round match, they had to concede defeat at the hands of the men from Customs &

Excise. After a long battle, it was finally ruled that chess tournaments could not qualify for the same VAT exemptions as other "real" sports.

Even if not truly a sport, chess can certainly claim to be one of the most international of all competitive activities. Until 1980, it was proudly maintained that chess was played in every country on earth. The Ayatollah Khomeini spoiled all that by banning it in Iran. He went further in his condemnation than Raymond Chandler by claiming that chess damages the

ability to remember and may even cause destruction of the brain. And what is more it causes people to think in a fractious and warlike manner. Some think that the Ayatollah's low opinion of chess may have stemmed from the knowledge that its very name was derived from the word "shah".

Outside Iran, international chess thrives as never before, all under the auspices of the world governing body for the game, the Fédération Internationale Des Echecs (FIDE). The FIDE computers hold records of all international events, which form the basis for calculation of an international rating list. Every six months a new list appears, giving a good indication of the relative strengths of all practising players. On the

basis of tournament results, titles of FIDE Master, International Master and Grandmaster are awarded to those who have fulfilled the necessary qualifying standards. The highest accolade is that of the Grandmaster title, of which there are about 175 currently active holders. More than 40 of that number are from the Soviet Union.

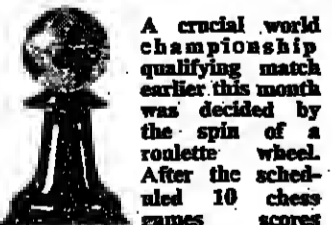
Ever since Stalin and his henchman Krylenko decreed an important role for chess in the development of the Soviet Union the game has enjoyed an unrivalled status in that country. Krylenko was Commissar of Justice, but in his spare time moonlighted as general secretary of the Soviet Chess Federation. Stalin had him shot in 1938, but by then

the seeds of Russian world chess domination had taken firm root. The rest of the world has taken a long time to catch up, but the last decade has seen an unparalleled chess boom in the West. When Bobby Fischer defeated Boris Spassky for the world championship in Reykjavik in 1972, the unpredictable behaviour of the eccentric American brought chess into the headlines. Interest in the game increased dramatically, nowhere more so than in England, where chess club membership figures trebled immediately.

In pre-Fischer days this country had no Grandmasters and any thoughts of large-scale chess sponsorship were only a

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Wheel of fortune in the build-up to who will rule the world



A crucial world championship qualifying match earlier this month was decided by the spin of a roulette wheel. After the scheduled 10 chess games, scores were level between Vassily Smyslov of the Soviet Union and West Germany's Robert Häbner. The match went into four games of extra time, but still no result. With a suitable sense of the dramatic, the players and officials adjourned to the casino. Häbner's fortunes were staked on the black numbers, Smyslov's on red. The ball landed in the zero hole. They tried again. *Trois, impair, rouge.* And Häbner went out.

The result was a tribute to Smyslov's longevity as much as his luck. He had held the World Championship for a year a quarter of a century ago. Now 62, he is still a great player, but nobody really expects him to last the course without exhaustion taking its toll. His next opponent will be Zoltan Ribli, a Hungarian grandmaster 30 years his junior.

A match for the World Chess Championship is held every three years. That is the time taken to play the cumbersome series of eliminating contests designed to determine the man best qualified to challenge for the title. Every chess-playing nation is allowed at least one nominee in the early stages of the contest so, in theory at any rate, everyone has a chance to become world champion.

Only the most highly placed in each eliminating event qualify to proceed to the next stage. The last battles are a series of "candidate matches"

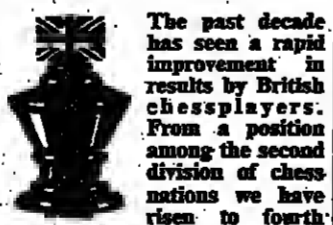
played among the last eight survivors until only one remains undefeated. He becomes the official challenger for the world championship. The champion himself remains dignified and aloof from this unseemly competition, saving himself for the glacial showdown with his challenger.

Even before the roulette wheel had reduced the number of candidates to four, many leading grandmasters had been eliminated from the current cycle. A trio of Soviet former world champions - Boris Spassky, Tigran Petrosian and Mikhail Tal - all fell at early fences, as did Jan Timman of the Netherlands, tipped by many as the only Westerner with a real chance to defeat Karpov.

Interest now centres on Garry Kasparov, the latest Soviet star. Kasparov, only 19 years old, has already had a string of impressive tournament victories to his name. His candidate's semi-final match will be against Viktor Korchnoi, *bête noire* of Soviet grandmasters, though at 52 a beast rather long in the tooth by chess-playing standards. Smyslov no doubt considers him still a spring chicken.

The winner of Korchnoi-Kasparov will be favourite to defeat Smyslov or Ribli and go through to meet Anatoly Karpov in 1984. If Kasparov overcomes the hurdles a thrilling contest is in prospect. Both he and the present champion were pupils of Mikhail Botvinnik, first Russian World Champion and patriarch of Soviet Chess. Their styles, however, are quite distinct. Karpov, supreme technician and master strategist, will face the practical opportunist and volatile brilliance of his young challenger.

Britain squares up to fourth



The past decade has seen a rapid improvement in results by British chessplayers. From a position among the second best nations in the world, we have risen to fourth place according to calculations based on the latest world ranking list. Grandmasters Tony Miles, Jon Speelman and Dr John Nunn all feature in the world's top 30.

Tony Miles has been our most consistently successful player on the international circuit. Last year he spent enough time in England to win both the British Championship and the Leigh Grand Prix. Hopes for the future of British chess are encouraging, with a seemingly unending stream of prodigies emerging. Most attention has been given to the remarkable exploits of Nigel Short, now a veteran prodigy of 17. Perhaps Nigel's next result to date was his victory against Tony Miles in the final of the BBC2 *Master Game* series in 1981. The two Britons had vanquished six of the world's leading grandmasters to reach the final.

Since then, Nigel's results have been uneven, but he remains an outstanding prospect. His television chess success has encouraged hordes of children to take up the game, and the imaginative presentation of television chess has turned it into a spectator sport. New renamed *World Cup Chess*, the last series of BBC2 programmes attracted 1,000,000 regular viewers to this thinking man's *Pop Block*. But the children's series *Play Chess!* attracted more than 2,000,000 embryonic grandmasters.

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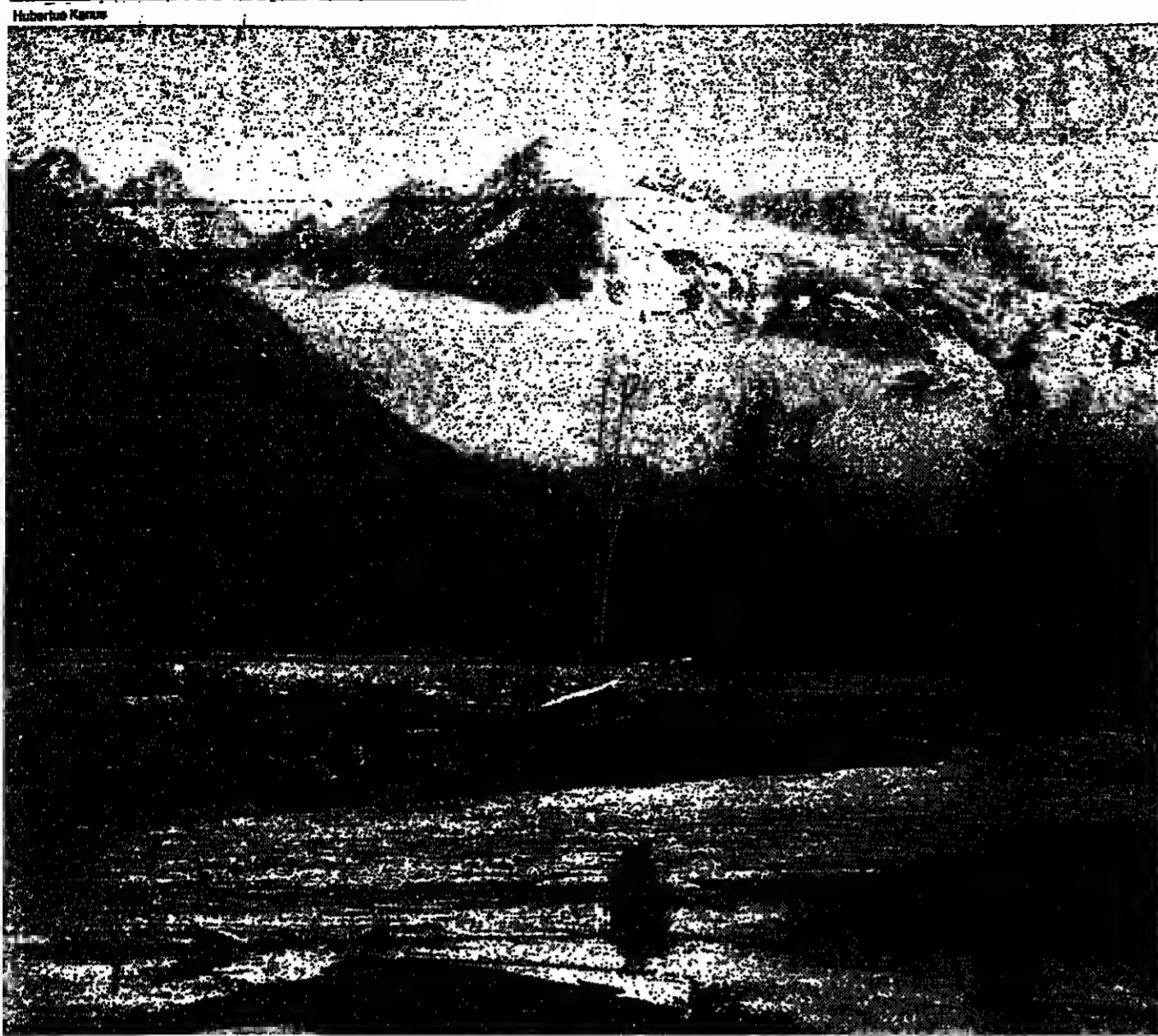
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Desolate beauty: Snow-covered and rugged splendour of the towering Sargent Icefields, south-east of Anchorage

Christopher Portway goes far north in the spirit of adventure Call of the wild on Alaska's ghostly highway



North America may not seem a likely source of the more exotic of homo sapiens but up in the far north of that continent they have a character all their own. What is more, so thin on the ground are they that their mere presence affords the treasure of companionship.

Canada's Yukon province is larger than Germany yet has a population about that of Bury St. Edmunds; its Northwest Territories are larger than Europe with a population no more than that of a largish English village, so you can see what I mean. The vast land mass of Alaska is home for less than 230,000, a fraction of the population of just one of the larger American cities.

It is this remoteness that draws me there again and again. In such territory the inherent goodness of our fellow men and women is an attribute born of compassion as well as survival. Here people can be enjoyed and, what is more, they can enjoy you.

I remember my first Alaskan trip. I had been led to believe that Anchorage was a city of wooden shacks but I found it was a plush metropolis of wide modern streets and it had a drug problem. But if the old frontier

is missing in Anchorage it is to be found in plenty a little further on.

Alaska throws up unique obstacles to mankind and he in turn invariably finds novel ways of surmounting them. Farmers and builders must compress their year's work into brief summers, provisions have to be shipped thousands of miles and all Alaskans live with the threat of earthquakes like the brutal one that struck on Good Friday 1964. They have to fly over roadless terrain, take to their boats despite bone-chilling water and exist in temperatures that we in Britain can hardly imagine. Above all Alaska is a land of challenge, holding beneath the surface of its permafrost and waters the vast wealth which first attracted the scruffy, hot-eyed miners in 1896.

Alaska's northernmost "city" is Nome on the west coast facing the Bering Sea, just below the Arctic Circle. Following the discovery of gold on the beaches in 1898, it boomed into a gold rush camp of tents and frame buildings. Once the community numbered 40,000. Today it is less than 4,000. The gold rush has passed and mining is on the decline but an aura of those

glamorous days still lingers on. Topping the ramshackle town is like sighting in a junkyard with the tottering houses surrounded by a collection of pipes, boilers, tin cans, old cars and discarded ice-boxes - all a treasure trove of vital spares. Telegraph poles and television aerials lean at drunken angles for nothing holds up for long on the shifting permafrost. Accommodation is scarce and expensive but these is dormitory space in a church hall for as much as you care to give or in the homes of Nome's good citizens who look upon a guest as a privilege.

Nome is the centre for visiting Arctic Alaska and it is the gritty little British Islander aircraft and pilots, some of Eskimo stock, of Minz Northern Airlines that provide the transportation since the few roads go nowhere. These "bush pilots" depart daily for the many tiny communities, winging their way with passengers and stores across the tundra and over the Bering Sea. Here is the perfect opportunity to see the Eskimos as they live from day to day, at home and at work. Visitors are warmly welcomed and can be put up at simple but cosy guesthouses.

The desolation is awe-inspiring. I flew beside my ever-smiling, ever-joking pilot to Little Diomed Island, just 22 miles from Siberia, where I could look into tomorrow's White Pass and Yukon Railway and the Alaska Railroad are perfect opportunity to see the Eskimos as they live from day to day, at home and at work. Visitors are warmly welcomed and can be put up at simple but cosy guesthouses.

On another of my visits to the northern American wilderness I drove a small Japanese car the full length of the Alaska Highway; further in fact, since I started from Edmonton. My companion was a Dakotan buffalo farmer, a spirited youngster who had joined me from a village near Fargo. Two thousand miles of highway with, from kilometre 0 at Dawson Creek to kilometre 2446 at Fairbanks, long rough gravel sections interspersed with pot-holed paving in the vicinity of the few townships.

The Alaska Highway is no longer classed as a "wilderness road" but there are plenty that are. One is the Dempster Highway of 725 kilometres which meanders its empty way across the silent terrain from Yukon's Dawson to remote Inuvik in the Northwest Territories. En route there is only one filling station and the road surface is made of volcanic chips that will lacrate a tyre at speeds above 30 miles an hour.

The "Trail of '98" leads northeast and by driving the first portion of the Klondike Loop road, then continuing along the grandiosely named Taylor Highway, you will pass a resurrected gold rush camp with new blood coursing through veins that have been dead for decades. At the end of the road, no more than a stony track through endless pine forest, lies Eagle, another gold rush settlement on the banks of the Yukon River. Here again you can smell the lure of gold but around Jack Wade junction the roadside is littered with old dredgers and the bones of mining machinery. Among these relics of the past, shy of prying eyes - particularly those of the income-tax inspector - are the modest encampments of today's prospectors.

On the South Fork River, near the hamlet of Chicken, I came across Joe O'Beille, who was big-hearted enough to welcome my company. I tried

my hand at underwater prospecting with him and together we extracted large quantities of river bed from the cold waters but very little gold dust with it. In the evening, barricaded in his rough and ready home from the horde of vicious mosquitoes, Joe related horrific tales of his years of toil - not without reward - through winters of indescribable cold, cheating death as every numbing emergency from his refuge into the snow to obtain vital supplies from the Chicken general store.

Now it was mid-summer, the countryside was green under a brilliant sun and the village stolon awash with fellow prospectors putting down their evening grog as if it was the end of the world. Laughter and ribald comment rent the smoke-laden air and the local lawman writhed his gun in true cowboy fashion as he swallowed his fifth shot of rye.

The Alaska Highway, the White Pass and Yukon Railway and the Alaska Railroad are arteries of some fame but few of us have heard of the old Canal Road. Yet once, during the Second World War, it had aspirations to become a second Alaska Highway. It took two American army divisions and 36 million dollars to build. Snaking across the multiple barrier of the Mackenzie Mountains from Norman Wells on the great Mackenzie River deep in the Northwest Territories to Whitehorse, only the Yukon end is still in use as a "wilderness road". The remaining 230 miles has become a ghost highway, now designated a hiking trail, bearing along its route the mouldering relics of an army's passing. It traverses a landscape of astounding beauty and a terrible loneliness, of unbridged rivers, landslides, herds of inquisitive caribou and lone temperamental grizzlies.

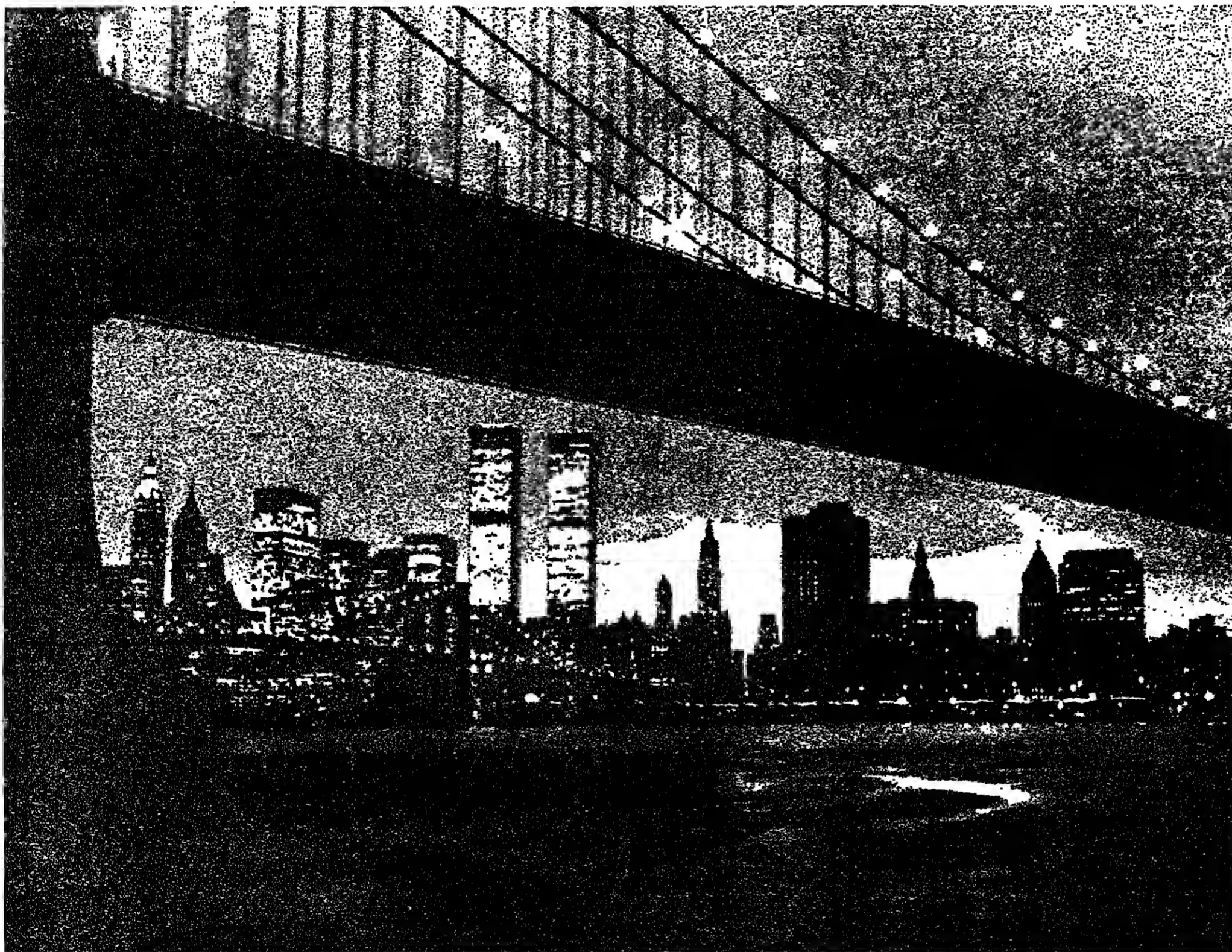
Four of us, two Englishmen (one resident in Dawson), a Canadian trapper and a young German, trudged those evocative, heart-breaking miles, forging and rafting the fast-flowing, dangerous river, stumbling over endless scree. Carrying 70 pounds of rucksack, I would never have made it but for the help, encouragement and close companionship of my fellows. Yet this is the only method of seeing, feeling and appreciating the splendours of the north.

The top of the world and what incredible territory it is: the Arctic scenery is one of the unusing wonders of our earth. If it were possible to ride a trans-Arctic express in winter one would not think of this area in shades of blue but see it in hues of red, orange and subtle pink. As for the wildlife, witness the overwhelming impact of thousands of snow geese sweeping across the horizon and you can truly appreciate the magnitude of God.



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TRAVEL/2

Edited by Shona Crawford Poole



Turkish delight: Old Turkish castle on the harbour at Paphos in the south of the island

Gin-clear sea unites the great divide

In Cyprus the words of the travel agent were proved to me: secure package tours to well-known resorts and luxury hotels are for the young he had said. Advertise holidays in unfamiliar places where the roads are rough and the hotels, built before air conditioning, serve jam in a pot rather than a packet, and the age of the clientele begins to rise.

Richard Dowden finds that Cyprus is able to span the age-gap

It is a shock to come across the frontier. The only crossing point is at the Ledra Palace Hotel in Nicosia. Since 1974 there has been no fighting but its doors and windows are sandbagged, its driveways blocked with barbed wire and its walls pocked with bullet holes.

But it is worth the effort. Many of the most spectacular sights and sites are in the north, and Kyrenia and Bellapais above it on the mountainside are as stunningly beautiful as any of the south.

Cyprus is cheap. Three of us paid £278 each for return flights, car hire and a villa for three weeks. We went with Sunvil Travel, Sunvil House, 7 and 8 Upper Square, Old Isleworth, Middlesex TW7 7BJ. (088 4499).

In early winter Cyprus has at least five hours of hot, sharp sunshine a day and it begins to get really hot again in April. The sea is gin clear and, in places, warm even in November when I was there.

Many of the tourists I met were former British soldiers returning to happy memories and a genuinely warm welcome. Every Mediterranean power since the stone age has left its mark on Cyprus and it is littered with evocative ruins of cities, temples and shrines.

At Paphos I went on a diving course with Cydive, a school run by an Englishman whose good sense about the need for safety was tempered with an appreciation that I was more interested in underwater diving-seeing than obtaining diving qualifications.

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The first place to receive the accolade of a visit was Chez Nico, an inoffensive, though thoroughly appropriate, choice since Nico Ladenis is a man of determined and outspoken views who spends much of his time at daggers drawn with the restaurant guide editors.



Wines had been chosen by Allan Hall. I noted that I was out of fashion (ahead? behind?) taking framboise in the champagne.

The critical commentary was supplied by R. W. (Johnny) Apple, London Bureau chief of the New York Times, and a collaborator on Egon Ronay's recent TWA guide to Europe's business city restaurants.

The duck liver parfait was perfect, but the gelee under-flavoured; ginger & sherry were suggested as additives. The mouseline, beautifully presented and finely flavoured, he found too similar in texture to what went before.

Nico, to the relief of those who know him by reputation only, took the criticisms in good part, and agreed with many of them. My own conviction was that the £31 I paid for the meal was money well spent.

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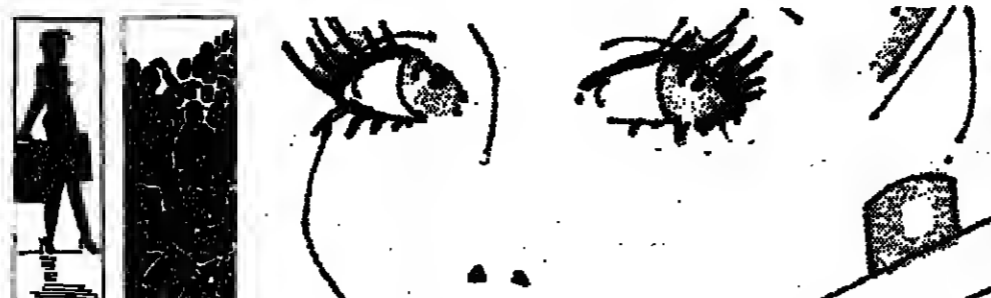
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Lindsey Bareham explores the world of luggage where fashion vies with function and distinction with durability

A suitable case for making a quick getaway



Luggage is not an easy subject to cobble about. Unfortunately, we all need it, although we probably use it only once or twice a year. It takes up a lot of storage space and ideally should be a once-in-a-lifetime investment. Investment is not an idle choice of word, for in any shop these days decent luggage is rarely below £50 apiece for man-made fabrics and nearly four times that for leather.

British Airways, the 1982 airline of the year, who handle tons of luggage every month do not favour particular types of luggage or back particular manufacturers. Their only advice to the wary traveller is to choose something strong, without sharp corners, flapping straps or protruding handles.

Traditionalists go soft

The smartest range I have come across is sold at the colourful City Bag Store, a company which over the past four years has done a lot to promote informal luggage. Called Le Sportsac and made in the US, it comes in a variety of sizes, shapes and colours in a very durable, parachute and oxford fabric. It is claimed to be rip-proof, has self-locking zips, is waterproof and machine washable and folds up easily into a sponge-bag size pouch. Most models have loads of extra external pockets and shoulder straps. They range from £12.50 to £49.50 and a good-sized bag, 21 in x 13 in x 10 in, costs £37; a wardrobe bag or suter is between £33.50 and £37 and a roomy back-pack, 12½ in x 15½ in x 5 in £23.50. Extremely good value is their Sunzac Voyager range made in rubberized cotton. There are four sizes ranging from £13.95 to £16.98; all are 26 in long, have various pockets and hold an enormous amount. The Sunzac, a oxford waterproof barrel-shaped bag, 20 in long, available in olive, gold, wine, navy and silver at £5.99 is the cheapest bag of its sort that I

found but has no shoulder strap. Many traditional luggage manufacturers now make both soft and hard suitcases which meet the basic luggage dimensions and, depending on how long your trip is and how light you can travel, these bags are a perfect means to a speedy exit from the airport. Karrimor, a Lancashire company, was started in the 1930s to make cycle bags and turned its hand to rucksacks for which it is now a market leader. It has now brought out a range of soft luggage in very hard-wearing, lightweight, oxford-cloth DuPont Cordura and their specially treated, easy-to-clean Silvuagard. Called "adventure luggage" with the brand name Karatura, it is aimed particularly at people undertaking outdoor holidays or activities and comes in two-tone ice grey and pale blue with black trim and zips. All have a unique feature that enables the bag to be drawn in to fit the contents and can take a Karoo, a series of zippered internal pockets for shoes, washing, and so on, that clip inside the bags. Their flight bag, the Kardiala, which fits under the seat and has a shoulder strap, costs £45.50; their large "designer" rucksack £93. A colour brochure shows the entire range and is available from Karrimor stockists, many luggage shops and in London at the YHA shop in Covent Garden. Their rucksacks come in all sizes, degrees of sophistication and colours. Rigid, or semi-rigid, with internal or external frames, they cost from £10 to £100.

Papworth Industries, founded in 1921, and oow government sponsored, have an excellent reputation for their leather luggage. They are hotly tipped to win a 1983 Design Council Award for the new Yuki range. Designed by haute couture designer Yuki, the range is tastefully plain and hand-made in fine quality very soft black or Sienna (bright) red leather, beautifully finished with silk or cotton linings. The 23 designs, which range from a purse to a large suitcase/suit carrier 22 in wide with loads of pockets and a shoulder strap, are designed never to leave their owner while travelling. Mind you at £238 for the latter I'm sure no one would want to part with it. Without the suit carrier, the same case costs £189 and both have two lock systems. A suter which takes two suits costs £158 and an overnight case £168.

Another British company, Mulberry, well known for its leather belts, bags and ready to wear has also diversified into luggage. This fashion-oriented company imports a bit of style into the world of luggage and its most popular lines (all of which fit under a plane seat) include a carpet bag 20 in x 15 in with a 5 in gusset, top zipper, two handles, and reinforced studded bottom in royal blue or cream canvas with natural leather trim which costs £36.50. The same bag in rubberized cotton in khaki or china blue costs £49.50, optional shoulder strap £4. A mail order list is available on request.

Good old Woolies sell only British made suitcases and though their range is reduced this year their current promotional line is hard to beat anywhere. Made in strong vinyl in a choice of burgundy, tan or grey/blue, it is a soft zippered

case and comes in three sizes, 26 inches at £14.99, 28 in £15.99 and 30 in £16.99. It is available at this price in the 900 or so Woolworth stores throughout May or as long as stocks last.

A pricier bargain from the British company Lester is only available for three days, June 28 to 30 inclusive, at the Lyceum Ballroom, Cash and Carry Sale. It is a range of classic style simple hide cases all with a Gucci-type vertical green and white canvas webbing stripe. The bags are soft, lined, have a magazine pouch, lock and a secondary security flap with its own lock. They normally retail for more than £100 a piece but in the sale will sell at almost half price: 24 in x 18 in x 7 in, £50, 36 in x 24 in x 7 in, £55, and 48 in x 24 in x 7 in £59.

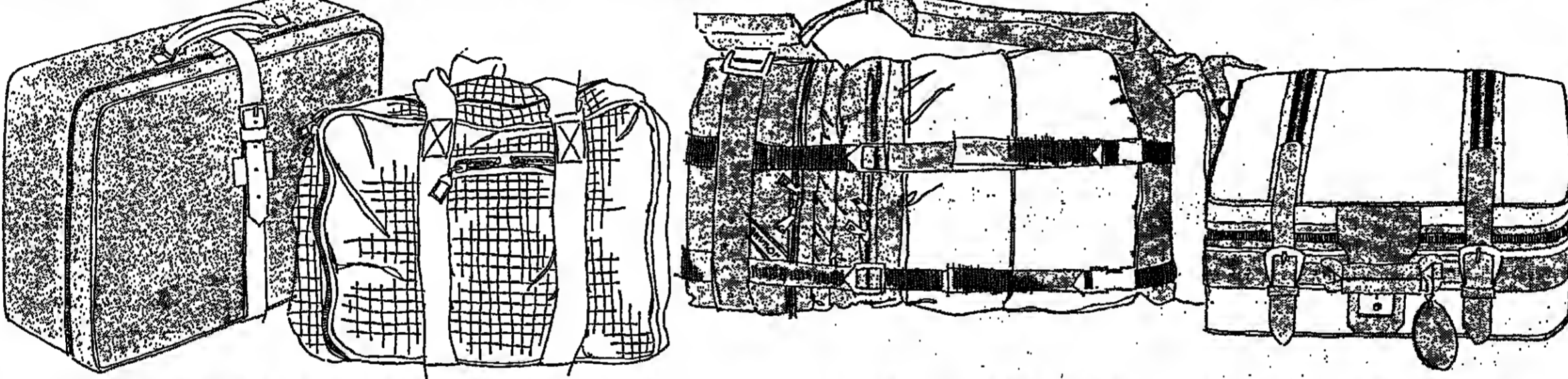
Hard cases to crack

Two of the most tasteful foreign fashion ranges can be seen at Finnigans in Knightsbridge and Wilmow, Cheshire. The Swiss Traveller company has a very smart range of bags made in strong pvc with a suede-look finish and leather-look trim and straps. Available in burgundy, black or navy the fabric has a beige "gr" all over it, but this looks much nicer than it sounds and all bags are soft and fully co-ordinated down to handbags and holdalls. Suitcases from 25in to 29in cost £72 to £82, spacious carryall £46.50. Geolite is a range of very tasteful Danish luggage of exceptional value and comes in beige canvas with brown leather trim and wheels. Suitcases range from a 31 in case at £69 to 26 in at £55 but they also do a superb,

large roomy shopping bag with four wheels which sold up. It costs £34.75. Despite specializing in traditional, preferably British, luggage like the entire soft, hard and new lightweight Krulle range, superb Tanner Krolle craftsman-made leather luggage (about £200), the lightweight very durable US Lark and exclusive lines, Mr Dumbobin who has managed Finnigans' Knightsbridge shop for 45 years feels the trend is towards soft luggage and positively glows over the Yuki range.

Hard cases are certainly the most secure in terms of locks but as James Cunningham the assistant luggage buyer at the large Selfridges luggage department points out, any luggage lock can be broken by a determined thief. John Eilat warns travellers against putting a name and address label on the suitcase. House burglaries committed while the residents are away on holiday have been traced back to baggage handlers.

Some say it is tempting fate to buy status luggage but if you must, Harrods have a very reasonable range with their distinctive "H" printed boldly on the outside. Made in nylon, all their luggage is soft, available in black, burgundy, or navy and ranges from £19 for a carryall to £59 for a 28 in case on wheels, with a shoulder strap. Harrods also keep the stylish Pierre Cardin range which is surprisingly reasonable. Available in burgundy or black, a 65cm case in vinyl with leather-look trim costs £96. The Burberry range starts at £32.50 for a carryall; zippered suitcase with straps £120 and flight bag with lots of pockets and shoulder strap £75. The ultimate in status luggage



Travelling light and in style: Craftsman-made canvas Tanner Krolle suitcase (range about £200); bright, durable Sportsac, £32.95; Karatura rucksack, for the social climber, £95; status suter from Gucci, £130

Fiercely French Alsacians

The pretty picture postcard scenery of Alsace is everywhere's idea of a traditional wine region, with its charming medieval villages, complete with gabled houses, steeped churches and neat, tidy vineyards. Flowers are everywhere and every inch of this narrow ribbon of a wine region, tucked in between the Vosges mountains and the River Rhine in North-east France, exudes a contented, prosperous air.

But appearances can be deceptive and behind the Alsatian chocolate box exterior, lies a grim, war-torn history whose swivelback of nationalities from French to German to French and back again to German, before finally being declared French in 1918, created havoc with the Alsatian people who are at pains to point out that they are French even if their cobbled streets and medieval houses often seem more Germanic in style.

The fragrant, flowery and fruity wines of Alsace sadly seem little-known and are rather under-estimated in this country. Curious perhaps when you consider we drink a lot more white wine than red and that the popular taste is for young, fruity wines. Still, the first sip of any Alsace wine does come as a surprise; for instead of being slightly sweet, as their bouquet implies, these wines on the palate are boozily dry and fairly austere to boot. But this dry, clean-cut direct character means that Alsace wines are tailor-made for drinking with food, which is why most restaurant wine lists boast an Alsace section.

Apart from their taste, Alsace wines are also unique in that they have some of the easiest to understand wine labels in Europe - unlike their German neighbours on the other side of the Rhine. No need to bother with droll and obscure, and vineyard sites, the grape variety, printed in large letters on every bottle, will tell you almost all you need to know, and there is only one simple quality level - that of *appellation contrôlée*.

Of the six white grape varieties grown in Alsace, Sylvaner is often referred to as the workhorse grape and as I generally find most of the Alsace Sylvaner wines somewhat dull and dry, I try instead the soft, fruity Pinot Blanc wines of Alsace, priced at roughly the same level.

One of the finest and fruitiest Pinot Blancs, that carried off a Gold Medal at the Macao Fair, is the '79 Clos de Strangenberg Pinot Blanc from Heim, available from La Vigneronne, 105 Old Brompton Road, London SW7, £4.35, and Widdows Wines, The Barnack, Cooch Hill, Cirencester, £3.28.

Excellent aperitifs, are the pungent Muscat d'Alsace wines; they are in the Alsace mould, but unlike the rest of the world's muscats are bone dry. Muscat wines account for only a very small proportion of the total Alsace crop and are difficult to find, but Louis Gisselbrecht has a stylish pungent and austere '81 Muscat (Henry Townsend, Chalf. Ft House, Colshill, Ayrshire, £3.77).

The rich, full-bodied Tokay wines, better known as Pinot Gris, are similarly an Alsace rarity that like the Muscat d'Alsace are much enhanced with a bit of bottle age and Alsatians enjoy knocking back precious wines such as Hugel's '76 Tokay d'Alsace, Vendange Tardive (late harvest) (Les Amis du Vin, 51 Chiltern Street, London, W1, £15.80) with their highly prized speciality, Foisie Grand de Strasbourg. However, it is the lively Riesling and spicy Gewürztraminer wines of Alsace that are this small region's finest wines.

The most austere Alsace Gewürztraminers may not be to everyone's taste, but a soft, fruity and delicately spicy example that should go down well with most palates is Hugel's Gewürztraminer (Peter Dominic, £4.29; W.H. Cullen, £4.70).

An impressive Riesling, from one of the finest Alsace vineyards at Hunnawir, is Trimbach's magnificent Clos St Romain, £8.60 (La Vigneronne, £8.60) whose steely-slatey style 60's, have, having tasted several old vintages of this wine, to improve every year. Expensive, but worth it!

Jane MacQuitty



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Brilliant bulbs

Bulbs in the garden are at their best during late April and early May. Plans for next spring should be made now when bulbs are in flower. Tulips make an excellent display and they last for at least three weeks in flower. It is important to know the variety as they can vary so much in colour, height and flowering time.

Members of the board

when the chess world needed another boost of publicity. After winning the world title, Bobby Fischer became even more extravagant in his demands and quite impossible to lure back to the chessboard. His absence from the game was threatening to turn back the great chess tide which he had created. But his role as protagonist in the chess stage was taken over by great bravado by Viktor Korchnoi. In the drama which followed, world champion Anatoly Karpov was distinctly the underdog.

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REVIEW Classical records of the month

A resolute hand for Brahms's best and worst

The box of big Brahms choral works conducted by Giuseppe Sinopoli fulfils my hopes of its being a mighty, off-centre contribution to the monumental complete recorded edition from Deutsche Grammophon. It is an odd collection of pieces. It includes what is quite the worst Brahms I have yet heard, the *Triumphlied*, he wrote to celebrate the satisfactory conclusion of the Franco-Prussian War and the foundation of the German Empire; it is as noisy and unthinking as anybody's jingoism.

Brahms: Works for chorus and orchestra Soloists, Prague Philharmonic Choir, Czech PO/Sinopoli (DG 2741 019, four records)

Mahler: Symphony No 4 Popp, LPO/Turnström (EMI ASD 4344)

Weill: The Seven Deadly Sins Ross, CBSO/Rattle (EMI ASD 4402)

with commanding authority, and Brigitte Fassbender adds to the effect with her pained, unadorned singing of the recitative.

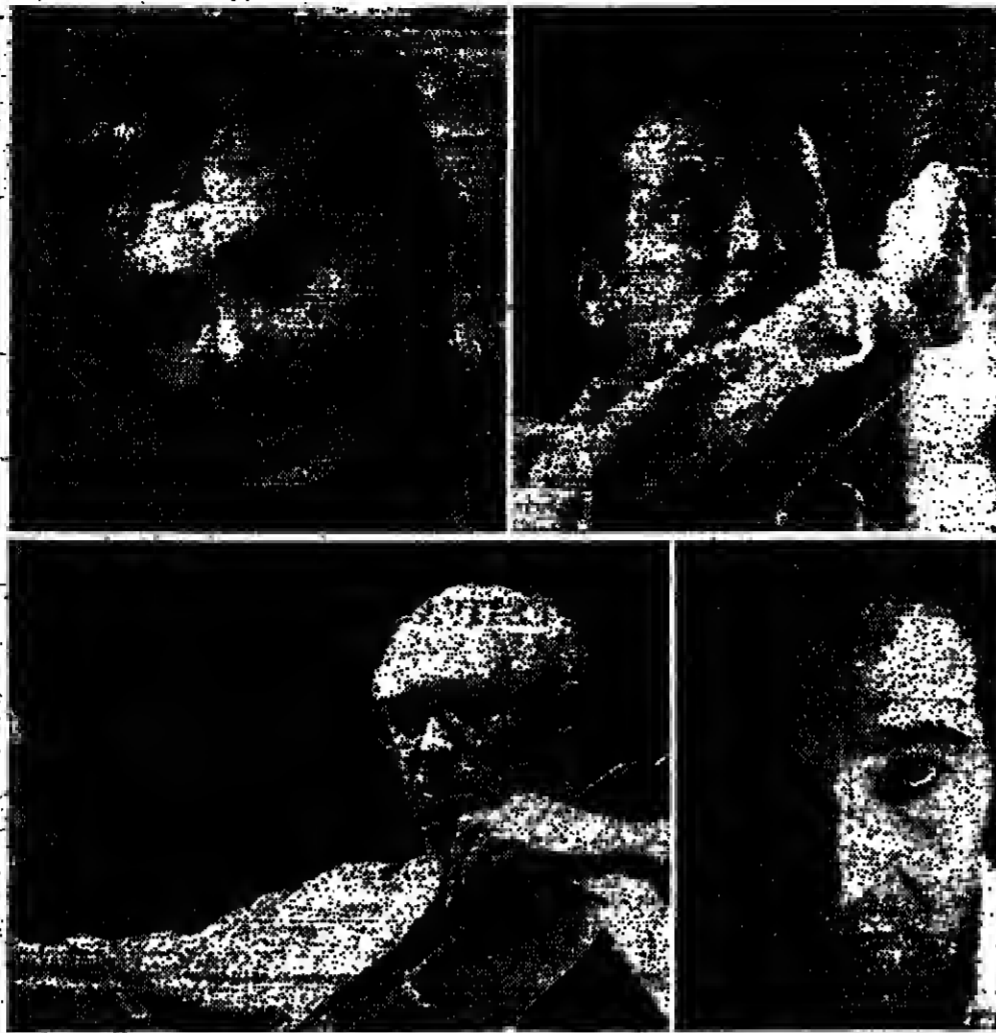
The *German Requiem* naturally provides fewer opportunities for this approach to be so single-mindedly pursued, but the calamitous nearness to death is the same, and so too is the authority. There is also some excellent solo singing. Lucia Popp is a bright angel of mercy in her momentous, bringing human compassion while winging above human misery, and sounding always perfectly lovely.

Wolfgang Brendel has the eloquent reasonableness of the young Fischer-Dieskau. Since this set also includes several elegies not otherwise readily available, it makes a splendid commemoration of this Brahms year.

A more contemporary foray into the twentieth-century symphonic repertoire, is provided by Klaus Tennstedt in his version of Mahler's fourth, and indeed by Simon Rattle in a recording of *The Seven Deadly Sins* that tilts the balance towards Kurt Weill's sweet-and-sour ambivalences, and away from Brecht's preaching.

This is without a shadow of a doubt the most beautiful Weill singing I have heard, with the most beautiful Weill singing from Elise Ross. Meanwhile Tennstedt's Mahler cycle with the LPO presses on its way gloriously and unaffectedly with a fourth symphony of bright imagery, easy character, shifts and, again, exquisite singing from Lucia Popp.

Paul Griffiths



Classical arrangement (clockwise from top left): Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau, Neville Marriner, Vladimir Ashkenazy and Mstislav Rostropovich

Arresting insights into Tchaikovsky's more serious songs

Tchaikovsky wrote more than 100 songs, most of which are still little known, though Söderström and Ashkenazy's first volume last year started a valuable recording project on his way. Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau has surprised us by adding his voice to a catalogue which also includes Gedde, Souzay and Ghazour. He wisely focuses on 17 rarer examples of Tchaikovsky's miniature melodramas and laments rather than on the lighter lyrical and folk songs, and performs them with an idiomatic richness of expression, and a generally firm, if not always intuitive grasp of the inflection of word and note.

His accompanist, Ashkenazy's firm-stepped vigour in the "Promenade" gives a sense of joyful anticipation to a vividly imagined and brightly recorded gallery, conducting significance, but the empathy of the two artists, epitomized by the tiny "Don't leave me" and their way with the mordant Slav harmonies of "Not a sound", brings fresh, often arresting insights.

Vladimir Ashkenazy shows a similar temperamental sympathy in his performance of Tchaikovsky's "Dumka" in a nicely varied Russian piano recital. It also includes a bracing reading of a Prelude and Fugue by Tchaikovsky's champion, Sergey Taneyev, and two short lullabies by Lisadov and Borodin, while the entire first side devoted to Messiaen's *Pictures at an Exhibition*. Ashkenazy's firm-stepped vigour in the "Promenade" gives a sense of joyful anticipation to a vividly imagined and brightly recorded gallery, conducting

Tchaikovsky: Lieder Fischer-Dieskau/Rainmond (Philips 6514 116)
Russian Piano Music Vladimir Ashkenazy (Decca SKXL 7624/Cassettes KXDC 7624)
Chopin: Piano works Vol XIII Ashkenazy (Decca SKXL 7584/Cassettes KXDC 7584)
Brahms: Rhapsodies, waltzes, piano pieces Bishop-Kovacevich (Philips 6514/Cassettes 7337 229)
Brahms: The Cello Sonatas Rostropovich/Serin (DG 2532 073/Cassettes 3302 073)

Compositions by another name sound just as sweet

Poor Pergolesi. The more we find out about his short life (he died at 26) the less he seems to have composed. Because of the fame of the *Stabat Mater* and a few other genuine works, he became a prime target for unscrupulous publishers around the turn of the eighteenth century - like Haydn, his name was enough to guarantee sales no matter what the product. It has long been suspected that the six well-known Concertini often played as his were written by someone else. The attribution rested on slender evidence, and Charles Cudworth, who delighted to musical spuriousness of all kinds, noticed that they were identical with an anonymous set published in the Hague in 1740.

Now the musicologist Albert Dunning has tracked down the real composer: a noble dilettante by the name of Ulfico Wilhelm von Wassenaar, who had a distinguished diplomatic career and spent some time at the glittering musical court of Düsseldorf. Dunning found a handwritten copy of the music with an autograph note by Wassenaar which explains that they were written for concerts at the Hague, and that he allowed them to be published very reluctantly, on condition his name was not used.

So now there seems to be a move to re-record the works: but the record companies take the attitude of eighteenth-century publishers and still employ Pergolesi's name large on their covers. (Wassenaar does not get a mention on Argo's cover, though he is credited in the sleeve-note.) The change of authorship does not alter the fact that these are wonderfully attractive pieces, suave and gentle in their melodic flow, a touch awkward in their counterpoint - or perhaps that is just being wise after the event - but distinctively rich and varied in their scoring for strings.

Wassenaar (attrib Pergolesi): Concerti Armonici 1-6 Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields/Neville Marriner (Argo ZRDL 1002/cassettes KZADC 1002)

Wassenaar (attrib Pergolesi): Concerto in B flat for violin, Concerto a cinque Pira Carmirelli/Musici (Philips 6766 165)

Stravinsky *Pulcinella* (complete ballet) Yvonne Kenny, Robert Tear, Robert Lloyd, Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields/Neville Marriner (ASD 4313/cassette TCCASD 43132)

Neither of these recordings appears to take any notice of the newly discovered text of the music, which has some small changes and extra ornamentation: the Academy use a largish group and emphasize tutti-soli contrasts, while I Musici sound as if they are using one player to a part. There is much more pleasure to be had from Marriner's sophisticated performance, in which speeds are well-judged and the string-playing has predictable smoothness, but I hope that now Holland has acquired an important composer - a Dutch band will record these pieces in their original versions with period instruments.

Neville Marriner's band is far better suited to the transportation from the eighteenth to the twentieth century found in *Pulcinella*. The Academy's old recording was splendid, and this matches it in verve and pungency while surpassing its sound quality. Robert Tear is an edgy tenor, and Yvonne Kenny a delightfully flutty soprano; Robert Lloyd is a little too boomy as the bass; but the voices scarcely matter beside the elating manipulation of rhythm and harmony with which Stravinsky mastered his originals, while the sleeve-note is still convinced as by Pergolesi. In fact, the latter provided fodder for only a couple of movements, and the rest may be credited to such unlikely characters as Domenico Gallo.

Nicholas Kenyon

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PREVIEW Theatre

Young man goes West to kill dragons

Steven Berkoff is surprised and delighted by his play *West*, which opens on Tuesday at the Donmar Warehouse after a week of previews. "I am amazed by it. It is a quite extraordinary play, considering that it was written three or four years ago."

Mr Berkoff is not hindered by false modesty in discussing the work, which he is directing after believing that it would never be performed. *West* was written as a sequel to *East*, his strong and successful evocation of life in the slums of the East End of London, which opened in 1975 and was subsequently performed at four theatres in London.

West failed to find a director after its commissioning by the BBC and before other plans could be made for it, Berkoff was busy with his next play.

Since then he has written and acted in other works including *Decadence* at the Lyric Theatre, last toured widely, and recently played a Russian villain in the new Bond film *Octopussy*.

West with its subtle *Welcome Back to Dalton Junction*, involves the characters from *East* and like the earlier play faces East End vernacular with Shakespearean verse, telling of the gangster scenes of Hoxton and Shoreditch Hill.

This sequel, says Berkoff, is about aspiration; the title refers to going to the West End and recalls the traditional exhortation to the ambitious young blood. "Go west young man."

"This is a play for heroes, symbolized in the character of Mike. He is a hero fighting like Beowulf against the dragon Grendel. He is fighting against mediocrity and cowardice."

Berkoff here announces he is adopting his Thatcher-criticizing voice. "Thatcherism is the dragon, attacking idealism, criticizing the peace women when it should be supporting them. The state we live in worships mediocrity."

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ANOTHER COUNTRY Queen's (734 1188) Mon-Fri at 8pm, Sat at 8.30pm; matinee Wed at 3pm and Sat at 5.15pm

WARS WON on the playing fields of Eton are at the opposite end of Julian Mitchell's portrait of an English public school as a breeding ground for traitors. A fascinating production by Stuart Burge with a cast including Daniel Day-Lewis and John Douglas.

CRYSTAL CLEAR Wyndham's (836 3628) Mon-Fri at 7.15pm, Sat at 8.30pm and 8.30pm; matinee Wed at 3pm. The funniest farce for years, Michael Frayn's brilliantly conceived complex of on-stage disasters and backstage drama is still keeping houses full and audiences helpless with laughter after its first cast-change. Phyllida Law, Benjamin Whitrow and the rest of Michael Bakewell's crack company give it the best of both worlds, the commercial hit and the critic's classic.

THE RIVALS Olivier (826 2252) May 3 at 7.15pm, May 4 at 2pm

EDMUND KEAN Lyric, Hammersmith (741 2311) Mon-Fri at 7.30pm, Sat at 8.15pm. Infinitely subtler than his recent TV version, Ben Kingsley's solo performance as the great nineteenth-century tragedian is one of the finest pieces of acting in London. Raymond Fitts-Smith's script carries him from starry publicity through Drury Lane triumph to a drunken death with style and an astringent sense of irony.

Critics' choice

musical recasts *Cinderella* in the anyone-for-tennis-eyes. Modes' staging (originally at the King's Head); but the production's speed and sparkle make it an intoxicating evening.

NOISES OFF Savoy (836 8888) Mon-Fri at 7.45pm, Sat at 8pm and 8.30pm; matinee Wed at 3pm. The funniest farce for years, Michael Frayn's brilliantly conceived complex of on-stage disasters and backstage drama is still keeping houses full and audiences helpless with laughter after its first cast-change. Phyllida Law, Benjamin Whitrow and the rest of Michael Bakewell's crack company give it the best of both worlds, the commercial hit and the critic's classic.

SMALL CHANGE Colston (828 2282) Today at 2.30pm and 7.30pm, May 2 at 7.30pm. In repertory. Revival of Peter Gill's evocation of childhood in working-class Cardiff, assembled from numerous remembered details and dissolving the boundaries between past and present. An austerely beautiful production with fine performances from June Watson and James Hazledine.

YAKETY YAK Astoria (437 6666) Final performances today, 8pm and 9pm. Robert Walker gets more than a little light in his recreation of 1960s America, a musical entertainment based on the rock songs of Jerry Leiber and Mike Stoller. Much more successful than Ned Sherrin's similar venture with *Only in America*. It is nevertheless hard to see the pleasure in the songs, chosen with imagination, and the singers, who include The Darts, a rock revival group.

WEST OF TOWN MOLD: Theatre Chryd (0252 50337). The Virgin and the Bull by George Bernard Shaw. A new play by the Hungarian-born author of *How to be an Alien* and *The Prophet Motive*. Specially commissioned for and performed by Theatre Chryd, this, his third work for the stage, is a satire on the world of art dealers.

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BELFAST: Lyric Players (0232 660061). The Hidden Caricatures by Graham Reid. Daily at 8pm. A play by a local writer, which attacks the inadequacies of the education system for its failure to help teenagers cope with life after school. Directed by Leon Rubin, with Danya Hawthorne.

BIRMINGHAM: Repertory (021 236 4455). The American Clock by Arthur Miller. Mon-Fri at 7.30pm, Sat at 4pm and 8pm; matinee Thurs at 2.30pm. The British premiere of Miller's latest play, which focuses on the tragedy and absurdity of America's Depression years. Directed by Peter Farago, with Joris Stuyck and Ben Werriss.

BIRMINGHAM: Repertory Studio (021 236 4455). One Reputation by Vince Foxall. Mon-Fri at 7.45pm, Sat at 8pm. A biographical play about the sad life of Ruth Ellis. Directed by James Nuttgens, with Joanne Allen, Peter Biddle, Susan Brown.

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PREVIEW Galleries

THE ESSENTIAL CUBISM Tate Gallery, Millbank, London SW1 (821 1313). Until July 10, Mon-Sat 10am-6pm

The most spectacular collection of Cubist masterpieces to have been brought together in this country since the inception of the movement itself. The intention of the show is to educate us in the careers of several major figures of twentieth-century art, and in the evolution of modern art as a whole, and at the same time to knock us sideways with the sheer impact of so many monuments together in one place.

PERCY WYNDHAM LEWIS Anthony D'Offay Gallery, 9 Dering Street, London W1 (629 1579). Until May 14, Mon-Fri 10am-5.30pm, Sat 10am-1pm. Exhibition of drawings and watercolours, including works once believed to have been lost. Covering the period 1910 to 1920, the exhibits include examples of Lewis's vortical paintings, war drawings and portraits, among them one of Ezra Pound.

PAULE VEZELAY Tate Gallery, Millbank, London SW1 (821 1313). Until May 22, Mon-Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 2-6pm. The Anglo-French painter has recently celebrated her ninetieth birthday, and this retrospective is an overdue tribute. She was born in Bristol, spent many years in Paris, where she was involved in the abstraction-creation movement of the 1930s and returned to Britain in 1939. She was one of the earliest British artists to go over completely to abstraction, and her works indicate a refined taste and an unmistakable individuality which should be better known.

ALFRED WATERHOUSE Heinz Gallery, 21 Portman Square, London W1 (589 5533). Until May 28, Mon-Fri 11am-5pm, Sat 10am-1pm. The almost infinite riches of the Royal Institute of British Architects' collection of architectural drawings are called upon to light up the dark places of Alfred Waterhouse's career. In the Victorian era, Waterhouse was renowned as a master of practical planning. His invention in surface detail makes him peculiarly satisfying to see in design form, and since he was a

painter also (not to be confused with J.W.) he was well able to evoke graphically his most splendid forms.

EDMUND DULAC Geoffrey Museum, Kingsland Road, London E2 (739 8368). Until May 30, Tues-Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 11am-5pm. Arthur Rackham's principal rival in the production of fancifully illustrated gift books, especially for children, Dulac has had to wait until the year after his centenary for a major show of his work in all media. Of course, the illustrations to the *Arabian Nights* and other exotic tales still seize most of the attention, but it is good to be reminded also of his spare and elegant designs for stamps and coins (including both for Edward VIII), his painting and his varied work in the applied arts, all marked by his distinctive Anglo-French culture and wit.

THE HAGUE SCHOOL Royal Academy, Piccadilly, London W1 (734 5852). Until July 10, daily 10am-6pm. The Hague School of painters laid the foundations for some of the developments in twentieth-century art. Inspired by seventeenth-century Dutch canvases, their paintings between 1870 and 1900 were avidly collected in America and Britain. One hundred and thirty landscapes, marine scenes and interiors by Bloemen, Gooboom and other members of the school are on show, as well as several early paintings by Van Gogh and Mondrian, who were both influenced by them.

KINGS AND QUEENS The Queen's Gallery, Buckingham Palace, London SW1. Until July 1984, Tues-Sat 11am-5pm. The latest selection from the Royal Collection is just what it says. Pictures, often portraits, of kings, queens and their families, or of least of people who were to become kings or queens. The main emphasis is not on the big names, despite the presence of a couple of famous Van Dycks, but on the less familiar images: Charles I and his family by Hendrik Gerritsz. Winkwater's glimpse of Queen Victoria and her consort in Restoration fancy dress. Sergeant's noble deathbed image of Edward VII.

ALVIN LANGDON COBURN: MAN OF MARK 1882-1966 Walker Art Gallery, William Brown Street, Liverpool (051 227 5234). Until May 31, Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2-6pm. In 1930 Coburn gave his collection of photographs to the Royal Photographic Society before destroying 15,000 negatives; this exhibition is drawn from the archive. Both portraits and landscapes - Regent's Canal, the Thames at Wapping, New York - are represented in a style which captures mood and atmosphere. BRITISH PHOTOGRAPHY 1955-1965 The Photographers' Gallery, 5 & 8 Great Newport Street, London WC2 (240 1989). Until May 14, Tues-Sat 11am-7pm. A curious period for an exhibition, but one which nevertheless embraces the closure of *Picture Post* and the birth of the Sunday colour magazine. It was also a period that saw the birth and the death of the young, with their need for heroes.

WORK AND WIT Side Gallery, 9 Side, Newcastle upon Tyne (0632 322206). Until June 5, Tues-Fri 11am-6pm, Sat and Sun 11am-5pm. Since its opening in 1977 the Side Gallery has built up an impressive collection of documentary photographs by national and international names such as Bill Brandt, Robert Doisneau, Chris Kilip and Russell Lee. Ian Jeffrey, the historian who selected this exhibition from the archive, suggests that photo-documents have to be read with care and that an awareness of an individual photographer's political stance can sometimes help us in the way we view his or her pictures.

STONYPATH AND CITY LIGHTS Photography. The Forsters' Annex, Shaftesbury Street, St Leonards, East Sussex (0424 440140). Until May 21, Wed-Sat 11am-6pm. Photographs by John Stathatos of Ian Hamilton Finlay's outrageous sculpture garden which is currently under threat in Scotland, plus a colour sequence on London's urban landscape.

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ENTERTAINMENTS

ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL

PERAHIA BEETHOVEN, SCHUBERT, MENDELSSOHN. LONDON MOZART PLAYERS. Conductor HARRY BLECH.

PHILHARMONIA Conductor Laureate RICCARDO MUTI. VLADIMIR ASHKENAZY conducts. ALICIA DE LARROCHA.

SHEILA ARMSTRONG RYLAND DAVIES JOHN SHIRLEY-QUIRK. Philharmonia Chorus. Rachmaninov: Three Russian Songs.

ROSSINI OVERTURE WILLIAM TELL. RACHMANINOV PIANO CONCERTO No. 2. ELGAR ENIGMA VARIATIONS.

THE BACH CHOIR A CHILD OF OUR TIME. TIPPETT. SINFONIA FIDELI. ORGAN CONCERTO.

RAYMOND GUBBAY presents SUNDAY 22 MAY at 7.30 p.m. ROSSINI BARBER OF SEVILLE OVERTURE. HANDEL MUSIC FOR THE ROYAL FIREWORKS.

SCOTTISH NATIONAL ORCHESTRA. BERLIOZ Overture, Le Corsaire. SAINT-SAENS Piano Concerto No. 2. ELGAR Symphony No. 2.

BRAHMS FESTIVAL To celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the composer's birth. JESSYE NORMAN AND FRIENDS.

ANDRE PREVIN conductor VLADIMIR ASHKENAZY piano. LONDON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA. Piano Concerto 1 & 2.

BRAHMS MARATHON Six hours of Brahms' Chamber Music performed informally in three two-hour sessions by international soloists including André Previn, Yo Yo Ma, Gidon Kremer, Katia & Marielle Labèque, Mischa Maisky, Cristina Ortiz, Yuzuko Horigome, Sheila Armstrong, John Shirley-Quirk.

ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA. MALCOLM BINNS plays CHOPIN. Barcarolle Op. 60; 24 Preludes Op. 28; Ballades Op. 10, 23, 38, 47, 52.

RAYMOND GUBBAY presents WEDNESDAY NEXT 4 MAY at 8 p.m. NARCISO YEPES. First London Recital for over four years by the outstanding Spanish Guitarist.

THURSDAY NEXT 5 MAY at 8 p.m. CHRISTIAN BLACKSHAW piano. SCHUBERT: Allegretto in C minor D.915. MOZART: Sonata in A major K.310.

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QUEEN ELIZABETH HALL

YO YO MA BACH CELLO SUITES. Sunday 15th and Sunday 22nd May at 7.15 p.m.

ACADEMY OF LONDON Berkeley 80th Birthday Concert. MOZART: Adagio and Fugue in C minor, K.540. BERLIOZ: Four Symphonies.

ANUP KUMAR BISWAS JOHN LENIHAN piano. DEEPAK CHOUDHURY sitar. BEETHOVEN, FAURE, WALTON, SOHAL & INDIAN CLASSICAL MUSIC.

PURCELL ROOM. ENGLISH TALKING PLAYERS. LONDON CONCERT ORCHESTRA - An Evening of Film Music.

AFARAFI BAND. PHILHARMONIA ORCHESTRA. PHILHARMONIA CHORUS. PHILHARMONIA ORCHESTRA.

ACADEMY OF ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS directed by Inés Brotons. LONDON CONCERT ORCHESTRA.

ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA. LONDON CONCERT ORCHESTRA. PHILHARMONIA ORCHESTRA.

RAYMOND GUBBAY presents CONCERTS at the BARBICAN TONIGHT at 8 p.m. An Evening of FILM MUSIC.

MUSIC FROM SPAIN. FALLA: RITUAL FIRE DANCE. BIZET: CONCIERTO CAR MEN SUITE. RODRIGO: CONCIERTO DE LA PLANTAZA.

THURSDAY NEXT 5 MAY at 8 p.m. THE MOULDAU FROM MA VLAST. VIOLIN CONCERTO. THREE DANCES FROM THE THREE-CORNERED HAT.

FRIDAY NEXT 6 MAY at 8 p.m. ENIGMA VARIATIONS. RACHMANINOV: ROMEO AND JULIET OVERTURE. SYMPHONY NO. 5.

ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA. LONDON CONCERT ORCHESTRA AND SINGERS. ROSSINI: THE MOULDAU FROM MA VLAST.

FRIDAY 13 MAY at 8 p.m. BARBER OF SEVILLE OVERTURE. WATER MUSIC SUITE. TCHAIKOVSKY: PIANO CONCERTO NO. 1.

THURSDAY 19 MAY at 8 p.m. WATER MUSIC SUITE. TRUMPET TUNE IN A. CONCERTO FOR TWO VIOLINS. THE FOUR SEASONS.

SATURDAY 21 MAY at 8 p.m. OPERA GALA NIGHT. LONDON CONCERT ORCHESTRA. CONDUCTOR MARCUS DOOS.

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Wigmore Hall

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ROYAL ALBERT HALL THURSDAY NEXT, 5 MAY, AT 7.30 pm

LA COMPAGNIE DE DANSE POPULAIRE FRANÇAISE (Dir. Michèle & Michel Blaize)

In aid of the RUGBY SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT FUND Temple Speech Room RUGBY SCHOOL GALA CONCERT

THEATRES THE THREE OF US... THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE... DEAD RINGER... DAISY FULLS IT OFF

Gold beneath the surface in Eureka

Whatever audiences say on emerging from Nicolas Roeg's new film Eureka, they will hardly be saying "Eureka!"



Gene Hackman as the doomed ex-pro prospector in Eureka

It came out with a fortune last fall/Yet somehow life's not what I thought it/And somehow the gold isn't all

Critics' choice Ingmar Bergman's new film overflows with exuberance, magic, vivid colour and all shades of humour

Others involved include Theresa Russell (the heroine of Bad Timing) and the Dutch actor Burger Hamer

Attentive three-hour-long, carefully crafted and sumptuously photographed life of the Mishima is a courageous attempt to film

Films on TV

A Bank Holiday always brings more films to television, assuming bad weather perhaps, but they are not necessarily good ones

actor Dustin Hoffman finding financial success and emotional turmoil as a female soap opera star

Christopher Warman

PREVIEW Music

ALL SCHEHERAZADE Tonight, 7.30 pm, Philharmonie Hall, Liverpool

Concerts Murray Perahia offers Mendelssohn: Monday

BEEHIVEN STARTS May 4, 7.30pm, Wigmore Hall

VENICE AND NAPLES May 6, 7.45pm, Queen Elizabeth Hall



Plácido Domingo and Kiri Te Kanawa rehearsing for their double debut on Tuesday

MARCHENERZHLUNGEN Tomorrow, 4.30 pm, Adeline Gedge Theatre

SERIOUS VARIATIONS May 2, 8pm, Festival Hall, South Bank

WURTTEMBERG BACH May 3, 7.30pm, Wigmore Hall

HAMILTON'S PASSION May 6, 7.30pm, St John's Church

COVENT GARDEN Tonight is the last chance to see Sir Geraint Evans

JEAN RIGBY May 2, 7.30pm, Purcell Room

FLUTE BACH May 3, 7.30pm, Purcell Room

RAMEAU TO RAGS May 6, 7.30pm, Purcell Room

SCOTTISH OPERA Their new production of Massenet's arch-romantic Werther

NATIONAL OPERA STUDIO If you want to see a preview of the work of some of Britain's

LITTLE STEVEN & THE DISCIPLES OF SOUL Tonight, Queensway Hall

JOHNNY MATHIS Tonight, Edinburgh Playhouse

ROSEBERY AVENUE, LONDON EC1 Not short of a folie de grandeur

BO DIDDLEY Tomorrow, Lyceum, Wellington Street

The New York Times RICHIER THAN GETTY STRANGER THAN HUGHES THE BIZARRE TALE OF JACK McCANN

THE WEEK AHEAD

Today

MOTORCYCLING: The Marlboro Transatlantic Trophy held over three days in Britain is part of the match challenge series between Britain and the United States...

CRICKET: For the first time cricket takes advantage of the May Bank Holiday for the opening series of the County Championship...

LANDSCAPE ARTISTS: The Arts Council exhibition "Landscape in Britain 1850-1950" features the work of 200 artists...

NATIONAL HORSE RACING MUSEUM: The Queen opens this new museum set in the home of English horse racing...

2,000 GUINEAS: The first colts classic of the season, Champion trainer Henry Cecil and his stable jockey Lester Piggot team up with Diests...

SNOOKER: The Embassy World Professional Championship reaches the final stages this weekend, with extensive BBC coverage...

RUGBY CUP FINALS: Leicester are the favourites to beat Bristol in the John Player Cup Final...

THE KERRYGOLD INTERNATIONAL: Three days of international showjumping lead up to the Kerrygold Cup on Monday, 2.30pm...

BAKER'S BRAHMS: Richard Baker presents a profile of the composer in the first of eight programmes celebrating the 150th anniversary of his birth...

WESTERN AND INDIAN CLASSICAL MUSIC: The cellist Anup Kumar Biswas, his brother Aloke Biswas and Deepak Chopra play an unusual programme...

MAYFEST: Glasgow's first International Festival of Popular Theatre and Music includes performances by 25 companies from East and West Europe...

ST MARK'S GOSPEL: Alec McCowen gives his last three performances of the season. Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank...



In action this week: Princess Alice, remembering (Monday); Jenny Lee Smith, competing (Wednesday); Alex McCowen, gospel reading (tomorrow)

HENLEY AHEAD: Booking is now open for Henley Royal Regatta which this year takes place June 30 to July 3...

Monday

INGMAR BERGMAN: One of the many delights of Fanny and Alexander is its collection of old dark themes in bright new bottles...

KENNEDY AND VANDERBILT: Jaclyn Smith plays Jacqueline Bouvier Kennedy in a dramatization of her life from the age of five until her husband's assassination...

HEVER CASTLE COLLECTION: The sale of May 5 and 6 containing superb arms and armour, works and works of art are on view...

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PRINCESS ALICE REMEMBERS: Russell Harty talks to HRH Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester at Kensington Palace...

Tuesday

SADLER'S WELLS: Dennis Arundel talks about "300 Years at the Wells" in the first of a series of lectures to celebrate Sadler's Wells's tercentenary...

NOVELTY FASHIONS: A twenties' rust-silk velvet opera cloak, an Edwardian white brocade Anglaise dress, a Canton shawl of embroidered ivory silk...

OPERA AND BALLET: Tonight a new production of Manon Lescaut opens at Covent Garden, the National Opera Studio is at Bloomsbury Theatre...

GODARD AND FRIENDS: Viewed from one angle, this selection of films admired by Godard is just old repertory re-jigged...

NOEL AND GERTIE: An entertainment by Sheridan Morley drawing on the work and casual writings of Noel Coward and the parts he wrote for Gertrude Lawrence...

THE TROJAN WAR WILL NOT TAKE PLACE: Giraudoux's pre-war play about the Trojan war, in which Hector struggles to preserve peace in the face of Argive favour...

WHAT DO MPS DO?: Richard Needham, MP for Chippenham, reveals what his voters think he is there for...

COUNTRY WAYS: A new comedy by Julia Jones, about a pair of emigré Londoners who opt unsuccessfully for the country life...

ANCESTRAL VOICES: A new festival of traditional arts, with 12 performances of music, songs and dances from India, Arabia, West Africa, the British Isles and the southern United States...

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today and of Brazilian women artists based in Europe. There are 10 of the former and nine of the latter, and among them they cover a wide variety of media...

GOLF FOR LADIES: The Ford Ladies Gold Classic is the first major ladies' tournament of the year and has the biggest total prize fund, £20,000, in the 1983 WPGA Tour...

RHODOXENDROM SHOW: The main show of the year centres on a big competition and large displays. New rhodoxendroms have raised the smaller yakushimurum hybrids which have five, pink or red blooms...

EDUCATING RITA: Julie Walters and Michael Caine play pupil and teacher in Lewis Gilbert's film adaptation of William Russell's play, Cent 15. Classic Haymarket (839 1527) Warner West End (438 0791)

CLAUDE LELOUCH: In Britain Lelouch is a neglected, unfashionable director, but this season salutes his distinctive gifts...

OPEN HOUSE AT GIBBONS: Stanley Gibbons celebrate the introduction of compulsory pre-paid postage on May 8, 1980...

OTHER WORLDS: Premiers of a play by Robert Holman, set during the Napoleonic wars, and telling of a feud between the farmers of Plympton, Devon...

Thursday

HEVER CASTLE COLLECTION: The collection of arms and armour formed by William Astor in the early years of the century is the most important group to come on the market for 50 years...

BALLET: Sadler's Wells Ballet bring their new production of Swan Lake to Covent Garden.

BERKOFF: Steven Berkoff's Meet opens at Donmar Warehouse. See page 5.

MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING: The latest in the RSC season of transfers from Stratford is directed by Terry Hands, with David Jacobs as Benedick, Siobhan Redmond as Beatrice...

PROSPECT OF PROMS: Today the prospectus for the Proms is published, from newsgagents and bookshops, price £1, or by post, £1.55, from BBC Publications...

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Week following

May 7: Middlesex seven-a-side finals, Twickenham Rugby League Cup Final, Wembley, Brighton Festival opens, Newcastle Jazz Festival begins...

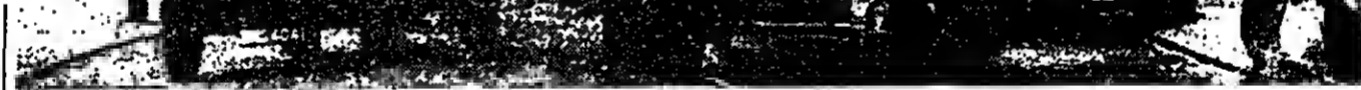
Chess

Entertaining brevity in bygone Berlin

The Finnish international chess-master, Eero E. Böök, who is famous for having lost a beautiful game to Alekhine at Margate in 1938...

Bishop endings and Knight endings. It has been well translated from the Russian by Kenneth Neat. In his preface to the English edition Averbakh explains that this is the first of a series of books on the endings...

Harry Golombek



Wheels of industry: Historic commercial vehicles gather in Battersea Park today, tomorrow and Monday

Bank Holiday Family Life

From historic car rallies to hot-air ballooning, this weekend abounds with Bank Holiday events. Judy Frosham makes her choice of outings in London and around the country...

Grand parades at about 3.30pm each day. HISTORIC COMMERCIAL VEHICLE RUN Battersea Park, London SW11, Tomorrow, 6.30-8am. You need to be an early bird to see the 180 vehicles...

BEAUTIFUL BRITAIN DAY Barbican Centre, Silk Street, London, EC2. Mon. To launch Beautiful Britain Year - a joint DOE and Keep Britain Tidy venture - there will be a variety of free entertainment throughout the day...

SFX AT THE NPT National Film Theatre, South Bank, Waterloo, London SE1 (928 3232). Tomorrow and Mon, 4 pm. Adults £2.20, Children £1.10. First film in a season intended for family audiences...

WHEELS OF YESTERDAY RALLY Battersea Park, London SW11, Today, tomorrow and Mon, from midday. More than 250 entries of wheeled vehicles and engines classed as eligible by the Historic Commercial Vehicle Society...

THE BATTLE AND SIEGE OF WITTON CASTLE Witton Castle, Wilton, Le Wear, near Bishop Auckland, Co Durham. Tomorrow and Mon, midday-5.30pm.

FUN RUN South Leeds Sports Centre, Beeston Road, Leeds, West Yorkshire. Tomorrow, starts 11am. CROPTHORNE WALKABOUT Cropthorpe, near Evesham, Worcestershire. Tomorrow, 2-5pm, Mon, 11 am-5 pm.

TRADITIONAL MAYPOLE DANCES AND PUNCH AND JUDY Sudeley Castle, Wincoborne, near Cheltenham, Gloucester. Mon, 11am-5.30pm. Adults £2.50, children £1.25.

CRAFT FAIR AND MAYPOLE DANCING Wilton House, Wilton, near Salisbury, Wiltshire. Mon, 11 am-6 pm. Adults £1.80, children £1.

LONDONERS' FESTIVAL Victoria Park, London E8. Tomorrow, 11am-8pm. More than 30 musical groups, including rock, reggae, steel bands, silver bands and jazz...

FESTIVAL OF MOTOR SPORT Lydden Circuit, near Canterbury, Kent. Tomorrow and Mon. Adults £2.50, children eight-15, £1, under eight, free.

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THAMES TELEVISION'S JUNIOR GYMNAST OF THE YEAR Wembley Arena, Empire Way, Wembley, Middlesex (902 1234). Tomorrow, from 2.30pm.

TEA PARTY WITH ROALD DAHL Intercontinental Hotel, Hyde Park Corner, London W1. Mon, 4 pm-6.30 pm. Tickets £10, from Bookworms Tea, 52 Rawlings Street, London SW3 (584 2769).

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THIRD EAST OF ENGLAND HOME AND GARDEN SHOW Lifford Park, near Oundle, Northamptonshire. Tomorrow and Mon, 10am-5pm. Admission to park and show adults £1.50, children 75p.

Bridge

Gourmet fare too rich to digest at a sitting

For the last fortnight, bridge players have enjoyed the unprecedented luxury of watching a two bridge programmes on television. The format of the BBC's Grand Slam is well established. In Master Bridge, Channel 4 has treated the subject in an exciting and totally different manner...

Declarer will win the club West and force out the ♠A. West will get off play with a trump, which declarer wins. After drawing the remaining trump, declarer will cash the ♠K, hoping for a 3-3 club break. When West discards on the second club, declarer has to form another plan...

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STOCK EXCHANGES

FT Index: 695.3 down 1.5 FT Gilt: 81.55 down 0.05 FT All Shares: 441.08 up 1.74 Bargains: 25,456 Tring Mail USM Index: 172.1 down 0.2

CURRENCIES

LONDON CLOSE Sterling \$1.5805 up 10 pts Index 84.2 unchanged DM 3.8475 FF 11.54 Yen 371.25 Dollar Index 122.6 down 0.2 DM 2.4642 up 7 pts Gold \$429.25 NEW YORK LATEST Gold \$429.25 Sterling \$1.5575

INTEREST RATES

Domestic rates: Base rates 10 3 month interbank 10 1/2 10 1/8 Euro-currency rates: 3 month dollar 8 1/4 8 1/8 3 month DM 5 1/2 5 1/8 3 month 13-12 1/2

PRICE CHANGES

Booth C, 23p up 5p Messy Regs, 310p up 65p Whiffles Sys, 8p up 1p Crest Int, 12.5p up 2p Memory Comp, 215p up 13p Delmar 36p up 5p Humberdale Elec, 17p down 6p

Wall St hit by profit taking

New York (Reuters) - Stock prices were hit by profit-taking yesterday and turned mixed in morning trading, with the sellers concentrating on the blue chip stocks.

The Dow Jones industrial average was off about six points but advances still led declines by a margin of seven to six.

Losers among the blue chip stocks included IBM, off one to 116 1/2, American Express two to 66 1/2, International Harvester 1 1/2 to 9 1/2, and Allied Corp one to 45.

Meanwhile, the Commerce Department reported yesterday that the index of leading economic indicators rose for the seventh consecutive month in March with a 1.5 per cent gain, which confirmed the fact that a healthy recovery is under way.

Findings undermine America's hands-off approach Currency intervention controls wild fluctuations, study group says

Intervention in foreign exchange markets to damp down speculation has been beneficial, a leading international study group concluded yesterday. The working group on Exchange Market Intervention, set up after the Versailles summit of seven leading western industrialized nations last year, gives strong support to those who oppose the entrenched American position which is that markets must be left to find their own level.

High exports swing trade into surplus

Britain's trade with the rest of the world swung sharply back into surplus last month after the big deficits recorded in the first two months of the year. Exports in March rose to a record £5.28bn in money terms and this, combined with lower imports, pushed the visible trade balance into a surplus of £76m.

The out-turn was much better than most outside forecasts, which had predicted a further deficit in March after the "freak" £491m deficit in January and £138m deficit in February.

Asda chief for Woolworth



Mr Richard Harker

Mr Richard Harker, operations manager in charge of the Asda superstores chain within Associated Dairies Group, has been recruited by Woolworth Holdings as one of a new team of top men to bring round the ailing retail giant.

City expects new Linfood bid

An improved bid for the Fitch Lovell food group by Linfood Holdings seemed in prospect yesterday after Fitch announced a £34.8m deal for Safeway Stores to take over Fitch's Key Markets grocery chain.

Warburg cuts tie with Paribas

S. G. Warburg, the merchant bank, unravelling most of its formal ties with Paribas, the nationalized French banking group, since 1973, Warburg and its holding company Mercury Securities, has had extensive cross-shareholdings involving Paribas' European operations and, until last month, a jointly-held stake in the American investment bank A. G. Becker.

Rumasa's deficit 'may top £1bn'

The outstanding deficit of Rumasa, the banking, wine trading and hotels group expropriated by the Spanish authorities this year, could be considerably higher than the 200 billion (about £1 billion), the company's new Government appointed administrator, Senior Ricardo Goitre, said in London yesterday.

Howden loses £14m but A & A 'is benefiting'

Alexander Howden, the Lloyd's insurance broker at the centre of the re-insurance scandals which have caused turmoil at Lloyd's of London for the past nine months, lost £14m last year.

Company chief allays concern

ICL strategy 'on course'

The recovery strategy which ICL put in place after its near-collapse in 1981 is still on course, Mr Robb Wilnot, the managing director, said yesterday.

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FAMILY MONEY edited by Lorna Bourke

Pensions

How to take problems out of the biggest investment in your life

In a couple of months, the 12 million members of Britain's occupational pension schemes will be able to seek advice, locally and free, on what for many of us is the single biggest, and most misunderstood investment in our lives.

down pension schemes of former employers to claim a frozen pension. Widows, according to Miss Grainger, often need advice about their husband's scheme. The trouble with all these well-meaning plans is that pensions, by their nature pose complicated problems.

Widows often need advice about the rules of their husband's scheme

Treading very cautiously comes senior civil servant, Miss Margaret Grainger, with Occupational Pensions - Advisory Services (OPAS).

OPAS is trying for charitable status and will probably be partially funded by the pensions industry. It is linking up with the Citizens Advice Bureau to provide a pensions information service at CAB's 850 branches.

Miss Grainger describes it as a "supplementary" service, designed to give fairly unsophisticated advice and explain to pension fund members what their rights are.

employees don't know whether his employer will let him transfer, we would have to find out what the scheme rules are.

What Opas will not do is take up the cudgels on a member's behalf, arguing for a higher transfer value, for instance.

The new organization, which is still not quite sure where all the £50,000 needed for its first year of operation is coming from, does not intend to be a ginger group. In any case, according to Miss Grainger, it fully expects to find that most of the referrals will prove to

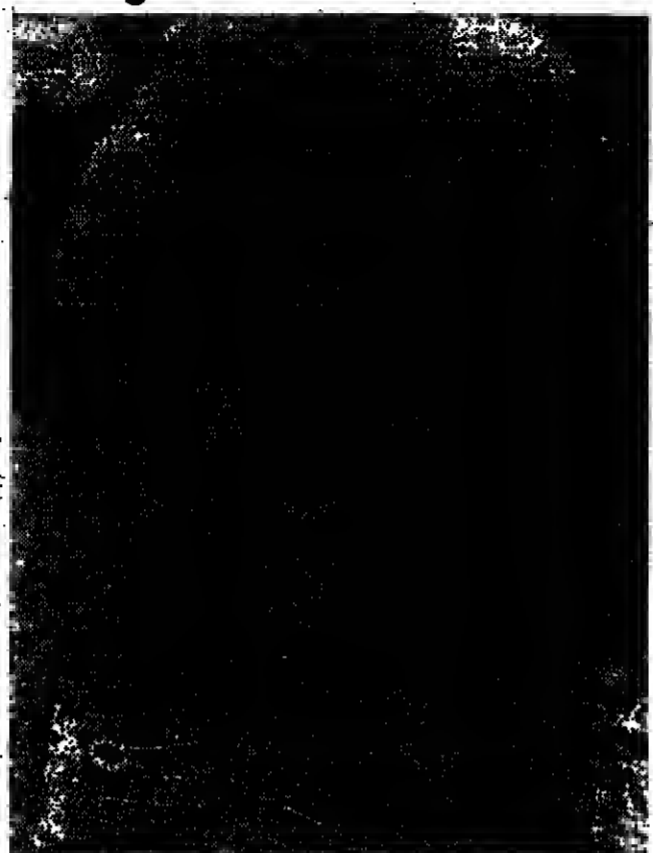
have been fairly treated by the pension fund within the terms of its own trust deeds. "We will offer a personalised service where people have not been able to get satisfactory answers from their trade union representative or the company concerned", she says.

What about pension schemes with rotten rules? "Even if you don't have teeth in that sense, you can still have great influence," says Miss Grainger diplomatically.

But Opas is not, at the moment, intended to be an arbitration service, such as that provided so successfully by the Insurance Ombudsman, which is a shame. None the less, it should fill a much needed gap.

Behind them there will be local experts to handle more complex inquiries. Eventually inquiries can be made to a central panel of advisers. The main problem Opas faces is being overwhelmed by inquiries.

Margaret Drummond



Miss Grainger: explaining pension rights

Property Bond

Vanbrugh pays price for dependence on brokers

Investors in Vanbrugh Life's property bond were shaken a couple of weeks ago when the company cut its unit price by 13 per cent to try to stem a run on the fund. This almost unprecedented move in the industry, dismayed not just Vanbrugh's own investors but many others with holdings in the 50 or 60 property bonds on the market.

Property may have been an uninspiring investment over the last couple of years, but Vanbrugh's move in changing the valuation basis of the fund was not prompted by any collapse in market prices, but the volatile nature of its own business - a total dependence on brokers and lump-sum investment for which both the company and its investors are now paying the price.

Vanbrugh is selling £10m of properties from its £65m property bond portfolio - a sharp reminder of the fact that this kind of investment is vastly more illiquid than, say, equities. Ironically, it believes that the economic boom predicted this week, will soon start to show in property values. So, according to the group, investors have been sitting tight. "Investors saw better opportunities elsewhere", Mr Graham Fortescue marketing director says.

£7m has been switched from the property fund, hardly surprising in view of the way equity markets have been performing. The trickle of switches and redemptions looked like becoming a flood and the group used up virtually its whole liquidity before cutting the price of the units to deter further withdrawals.

When a fund is moved to a "bid" basis, as was Vanbrugh's, the notional costs of selling the properties in the fund and any capital gains tax liability is deducted from the unit price. This reflects the fact that more money is going out than coming in - theoretically, the investments might be sold to meet the withdrawals. In practice, managers do not want to be forced into the position of selling investment properties, so withdrawals are met out of the cash liquidity margin which is between 10 and 20 per cent of the portfolio in most funds.

Many property bonds have been in a net redemption situation for much of the past year and have gradually eased the unit price down somewhere between the offer and bid basis - both Save & Prosper and Abbey Life are using this "intermediate" basis at the moment.

Vanbrugh to make such a sudden move and risk damaging investors' confidence?

Vanbrugh, a subsidiary of the Prudential, is a marketing-orientated company totally dependent on insurance brokers for its business. It is also, in its property bond 95 per cent geared, to single premium investment - one off lump sum purchases, unlike most other life companies which have a much higher, probably well over half, of their property bond sales coming from regular premium policies - such as pension and maximum investment plans. The net result of this is that Vanbrugh's property bond was particularly vulnerable.

When several brokers decided to switch clients funds out of the property bond there was a crisis. Arguably, Vanbrugh was less than prudent in holding its funds on an offer basis - which favours those getting out at the expense of those staying in - when other, far less exposed groups had compromised with the "intermediate" basis of valuation.

Most other life companies have a better mix of business, and a sales force as well as brokers, but they are wary of the problem in the light of Vanbrugh's experience.

So why was it necessary for

Trusts

Suspended firm blames owner's 'problems'

Investors in Isle of Man based Richmond Life's Gemstone Trust are concerned about their money. Dealings in Gemstone Trust were suspended on March 31 and since then it has been impossible to buy or sell units, so the fund's 562 investors are just sitting tight - and hoping.

The problem has been caused by the difficulties of Gems International the sapphire brokers, whose London and Guernsey offices have been closed down. Calls are being referred to the company's accountants who maintain that Gems International is still in existence. But they say little else.

Mr John Ormond, Richmond's chairman, says Gems International's troubles down to big problems afflicting Gem's ultimate owner, Nils Nylan, a Swedish businessman. Mr Ormond says he first became aware of Gems International's problems last August. He thought they were short term and capable of being resolved.

As late as December 10 Richmond was telling insurance brokers, "an investment in the Gemstone Bond should be beneficial".

Mr Ormond said this week that he was trying to work out a deal with another gemstone broker, but refuses to commit himself on when the fund will be requested or what valuation will be placed on the stones.

In the meantime, his advice to investors who have put money into Richmond's fund is, "Forget it for the time being. Given time, we think it will come right again".

Richmond's Gemstone Fund was formerly known as the Sapphire Fund and was marketed as "a unique opportunity for the discerning investor".

The fund's name was changed last November to reflect the broader aim of investment in other Gemstones such as Thai rubies.

Peter Garland

Capital and income bonds

Law spells end to high-tax avoidance

The Government has clamped down on the controversial "capital and income bonds", a highly artificial device whereby higher rates of income tax can be avoided.

Mr Nicholas Ridley, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, said in an answer to a question in the House of Commons: "In recent months it has become clear that there had been serious, and growing, exploitation of this device. In order to safeguard the Exchequer from a potentially substantial loss of tax, the Government intends to propose legislation in the form of a new class at Committee Stage of the current Finance Bill."

Capital and income bonds are an arrangement by which profits arising on investments in unit-linked single premium policies which are "non-qualifying" are shifted artificially to a qualifying policy so that the proceeds of the qualifying policy are taken tax-free on maturity.

"The effect of the proposed

measures will be to deny qualifying status to any policy, which is connected with another policy, or policies, if any of the policies provide "unrealistic benefits", said Mr Ridley.

The biggest promoters of capital and income bonds have been Scandia Life, Albany Life, Merchant Investors and, to a lesser extent, Providence Capital and Transinternational Life. An estimated £250m has been put into the bonds since Scandia launched its contract in 1981.

The Government's move came as no surprise to the industry, although Mr Edward Fairman, of Merchant Investors, said he was disappointed that a contract, considered by the company to be a legitimate use of existing legislation, should be discontinued in this way.

None of the member offices of the Life Offices Association issued Capital and Income bonds. The new legislation will not affect conventional income bonds or growth bonds.

Accountants move in at £10m advisers

Staff were refusing to allow in, or to speak to callers at the Mayfair offices of investment advisers, Exchange Securities and Commodities, yesterday. A team of accountants led by Mr Stephen James, of Thomson McLintock, have moved into the company's premises in London and the head office in Warwick, after a petition by the Department of Trade for the compulsory winding up of six companies in the Exchange group.

Exchange Securities and Commodities advertised its investment services heavily in recent weeks but Keith Hunt, the owner and chief executive has been unavailable for the past 14 days.

customers. The London office in Herford Street, Mayfair, was opened when Exchange expanded from its original commodity investment service into general investment advice last October. Investors were reassured that several Exchange companies were licensed dealers in securities and subject to control by the Department of Trade.

It is not yet known whether Exchange kept customers' funds in a separate client account. If not, investors' money could eventually be used to meet the companies' liabilities if the winding up petition, due to be heard in the High Court on June 13, is successful. Ironically, the Department of Trade published the new rules for licensed dealers this week, which stipulate that, from June 1, all clients' funds must be kept separate from the firm's money.

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Puzzle of Harvester boom

New York (AP-Dow Jones) - The surge in International Harvester Company common stock has puzzled analysts. Harvester has won favour among investors who had a yearning for risk and a conviction that the stock will benefit greatly from an economic recovery.

The performance of Chrysler Corporation common stock, which rose to a high this month of more than 26 from a low of about 3 in late 1981, has encouraged bargain-hunters to seek out other troubled corporate monsters and place bets that they, too, will recover.

That speculative fervour has boosted Harvester common stock to a recent high of 12 1/2 up 9 from last December's low and up almost 6 in the past 30 days.

Harvester common stock closed at 11 1/2 up 1/2.

But analysts say enthusiasm over the glimmers of hope to Harvester's outlook masks uncertainty in valuing its common shares: the potentially huge dilution of per-share earnings if the company has to issue additional common to restructure its debt.

The free-market bailout of Harvester may succeed, but the performance of the stock isn't likely to match the performance of Chrysler, if the potential dilution occurs," says Mr Eli Lustgarten, analyst with Paine Webber Mitchell Hinchins.

When Harvester officials sit down with the company's bankers this summer to renegotiate leading agreements covering \$3.6bn, analysts say an accord to convert some debt to equity could result.

Harvester has reduced in size since 1979, before large problems set in. This is one reason why it needs to reduce its debt yet again. Its annual sales are less than half 1979's record \$800,400m.

It faces losses which are estimated to total \$325m to \$450m in the year ending October 31, compared with a deficit of \$100,640m in 1982.

First Boston's Mr McGinty points to the bail out of Massey-Ferguson, the better-off Canadian farm equipment maker, as an example of what could happen. Massey's common shares outstanding has risen to 88 million from 18 million in June 1981, because of last March's refinancing, and other measures. That number comes to about 220 million, assuming exercise of all warrants and conversion of preferred outstanding, McGinty predicts.

Washington (AP-Dow Jones) American Telephone & Telegraph Company said it has proposed to offer a more versatile and widely available high-capacity satellite transmission service to business customers.

Quiet gilts provoke cautious hopes

Gilts closed the week enervated, and the best that can be hoped for next week is that prices will stay at the same levels.

The impact on an already dull market of the new tap - however well it is received as a pre-emption hedge - must be to absorb funds that might have been invested in the market. Even though the tap is partly paid, £400m must be produced next week.

Gilt prices barely changed yesterday, although the market welcomed the excellent trade figures as helping sentiment. On the week, short rates rose about five-eighths of a point, medium a half a point and long three-eighths. Index-linked stocks were most heavily affected by the new index-linked tap, and were down a point and a half on the week.

Sterling is remaining a boost to sentiment in gilts. Confidence continues that interest rates will move down soon, but there is no talk of this being imminent.

The level of increases in the money supply figures have led to forecasts that the authorities will want to step up their funding to take money out of the system, and so reduce inflationary expectations.

The developments in the US economy are also being helpful to gilts. The authorities there have been acting to hold down rates in domestic markets.

Until there is a clearer political picture, or prospects of a cut in interest rates, gilts offer little prospects of excitement.

SHARE HIGHLIGHTS table with columns: Company, Price y day, Change on week, 1982-83, 'Low', Comment

announcement that next week's quarterly auction of Treasury notes and bonds will raise \$15,000m was well received, and prices have held firm.

Reinforcing confidence in Wall Street is the growing number of forecasts of further declines in interest rates. There had been fears that the weight of new government funding would slow domestic money market rates higher. This has been the recent pattern.

But after the announcement on Wednesday of the Treasury package the price of bonds continued to rise. So, provided that there is not a major deterioration in the US money supply, the economists believe there could be a cut in the discount rate from the current level of 8.5 per cent.

Wall St

Wall Street's rally continued this week, although the heavy volume of trading caused nervousness that a correction was due. The government's

it convincingly through the 700-level on the FT 30 index. While there were a number of good profits reported by leading companies, ICI exceeded brokers' estimates with a first-quarter £128m pretax, and stronger sterling renewed hopes of interest rate cuts, and counter-balancing pre-election uncertainties and fears that the market may be nearing its top.

ICI announced an increase in the volume of sales, helped by the weakness of sterling and another good quarter is expected.

The market was also encouraged by the news of 1982's trading from Wimpey and Blue Circle yesterday. At Blue Circle, profits in the United Kingdom showed a rise of 25 per cent, but there was a fall of £14m in pretax profits to £90m because of sharp falls in South American currencies. Wimpey results were up by £3m to £45.7m last year.

Tarmac produced another glowing set of figures with a 32 per cent rise to £68.7m pretax. More growth is expected. Earlier in the year, Simon Engineering announced a small rise in 1982 pretax profits to £20.66m, maintaining its 10-year record.

Ford UK suffered from the squeeze on margins last year, and pretax profits fell from £220m to £194m last year.

The week

London followed Wall Street to a record high, but failed to attract sufficient buying to take

Call for better City links with EEC

Sir Anthony Joffe, Lord Mayor of London, is to mount a campaign to involve the City institutions more in the ways of the European Community. After what he called a "mind-boggling" visit to the European Commission over the past two days, he came away with the firm view that it was essential

US oil group may quit Italy

From John Earle, Rome Standard Oil of Indiana, owner of Amoco Italia, is reported to be negotiating the sale to Saudi interests of its Italian activities, which include a refinery at Cremona with an annual capacity of 5 million tonnes and 1,100 service stations.

COMPANY NEW IN BRIEF

Table listing company performance: Brentnall Beard (Holdings), Liberty & Co, Arhus Henriques, etc.

COMMODITIES

Table listing commodity prices: LONDON METAL EXCHANGE, INTERNATIONAL PETROLEUM EXCHANGE, etc.

Table listing stock prices for various companies like AMR Inc, Allied Steel, etc.

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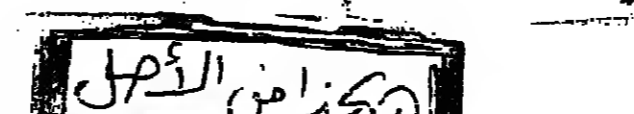
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RUGBY UNION: JOHN PLAYER AND WELSH CUP FINALS

Leicester's seen-it-all, won-it-all men for all finals have a slight edge

By David Hanks, Rugby Correspondent

In the last five years, Leicester have had every kind of cup final experience. They have won, they have lost, they have been favourites and won without style, they have been outsiders and won with verve, they have come from behind, they have led from the start. The only thing they have not done is drawn which, as Gloucester and Moseley will say after last year's final, is an experience best avoided.

Davies of England, has perfected the technique of the timed arrival and the tap-down of a high kick to his support. Similarly, Barnes will be aware that Dodson is a newcomer to the full back position, and will wish to put him through his paces. If either side can pick up a score by these tactics early in the game, so

men, Mike Rafter and Peter Polidri have few peers as winners of possession on the ground, or as supporting cast when the ball is among the backs. One of Leicester's injury doubts has been the flanker, Ian Smith, their nearest equivalent to Rafter. However, Smith, Dodge, Barnwell and Gilling-

Paths to the final

ham all came through a stiff training evening on Thursday, and Bristol will find the young Leicester No 8, Dean Richards, moves around as quickly as many flankers. Richards is one of the game's most promising young men, even if his senior experience is strictly limited. This will be his first appearance at Twickenham, of any kind.

It is Leicester's hope that, by scoring tries, they will compensate for the absence of Hare. Indeed, this is one of the most intriguing aspects of a final which may draw a record crowd of 30,000 - how will Leicester fare without the equable Not-

tinghamshire farmer served up by Casworth or the drop goal by Barnes, or a penalty goal by Barnes, or a drop goal by Casworth proves the difference, and it could well be as little as that, it will be no surprise at all.

That they can there is no doubt. To predict that they will be to place too great a weight of expectation on willing shoulders. Both clubs are there to win the cup; if they can do so by running the ball, some 13,000 Leicester supporters, some 7,000 Bristolians and a few thousand uncommitted others, will be privileged. But if

leicester's senior officers has suggested that two clubs, similar in approach in many ways, and not only because they both identify their teams with letters, could spend the whole 80 minutes testing each other out - an exaggeration, but one sees the point. In the initial settling-down period, both Les Casworth, for Leicester, and his opposite number, Stuart Barnes, will wish to examine the capabilities of the respective full backs. Iwan Duggan and Iain Dodson. Iwan Duggan has trained all week, but has also been receiving treatment for fluid on the knee. It is to be hoped that his mobility is unimpaired because Casworth and Paul Dodge are likely to put up diagonal kicks and Garryowens for Clive Woodward and his wings to pursue. Woodward, like Huw

Edie Butler, plays at lock. The Swansea team who face Bay Frosen's Pontypool in today's Welsh Cup final, sponsored by Schweppes, will have grown weary and grey during their preparation over the last week in assessing Pontypool's strength. In Hall, the Swansea coach, has talked endlessly of the threat that will come from the opposition's formidable pack, whose activities will be orchestrated by Bishop, their scrum half. To consider any variety would be time wasted. Pontypool are unlikely to use their three quarters. But it is really as simple as that? Statistics might suggest otherwise. As if, in contrast, the easy assessment that Pontypool will rely on their pack for possession and on Lewis to kick goals, the season's details show that they have scored 207 tries and amassed 1,340 points. Swansea, the team with the running reputation, have scored only 168 tries and 1,000 points. Admittedly, Swift, who will play at centre today, and Emrys, their wings,



No Hare: but Casworth (above) could swing it for Leicester

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There is no alternative for them. Swansea are well-equipped to play the tight game but, on the other hand, if things go badly for them in this phase, they have the ability in the back division to change the pattern. Dacey is an accomplished footballer and Jenkins a forceful centre, and behind them, Blyth, once he overcomes the peeping of high balls with which Bishop and Goldworthy will surely shower him, can turn defence swiftly into attack. However, on this occasion, they will be without David Richards, whose absence could prove crucial. He did a few weeks ago against Cardiff, when he had the better of Nease, the new British Lion. He will presumably oppose Leghary, although Swansea allow their locks to change positions. Clegg, whose fourth appearance this is in a final, will contest the front of the line against Perkins, who can consider himself unlucky not to be going to New Zealand. Pontypool, with their inflexibility, must win at forward if they

Jones is in for a marathon struggle

By Pat Butcher

Rugby Jones runs his first half marathon in almost a year in London tomorrow, as he strikes to see if he has recovered from his operations and recent injuries, and can make a serious challenge for the vacant marathon place in the British team for the world championships in Helsinki in August. The marathon selections for both Helsinki and the European Cup in Spain in June were made yesterday, but because of the difficulties of the informing athletes over the holiday weekends, the teams will not be announced until Tuesday. John Le Mesurier, chairman of the British selectors, said yesterday that the selections were fairly straightforward, implying that the prior notice of the importance of the first two places in the London marathon would be honoured.

That means that Mike Gratton, Gerry Helme, Glynis Penny, and Kathy Binns can confirm their programme leading up to Helsinki. It is also likely that Joyce Smith's "training run" of 2hr 38min 50sec in last weekend's Rome Marathon has satisfied the selectors. The only question mark remains beside Jones's name. Last year's London victory in May was his last marathon, and he has yet to do the Helsinki qualifying time of 2hr 17min.

Jones had operations on both of his Achilles tendons before Christmas, and minor injuries have hampered his comeback. He has no class opposition in tomorrow's East London Half Marathon, but a time close to 61 minutes would do much for his confidence, and his resolution to qualify for Helsinki.

BOXING: Wilfredo Gomez (Puerto Rico) announced yesterday that he is giving up the World Boxing Council junior featherweight title he has held since 1977 in order to move up in weight.

Arnoux clips Piquet time at Imola

From John Blunsden, Imola

The charge of the turbo continued here yesterday when they filled the top 10 places in the first qualification period for tomorrow's San Marino Grand Prix. For much of the time the battle for pole position was led by Nelson Piquet in his Brabham-BMW and Alain Prost in a new Renault similar to, but a little lighter than, the car he used to win the French Grand Prix. It was a contest which Piquet, who has yet to be beaten on this circuit, looked like winning. But six minutes from the end René Arnoux, and his latest Ferrari, incorporating a new rear suspension and weighing 20kg less, delighted the ever-loving local spectators by clipping more than a tenth of a second off the Brabham driver's time to lead the list at the halfway stage in qualifying.

Although Patrick Tambay continued his run of bad luck in qualifying by twice suffering engine failure in the other Ferrari, at least his long walk home occurred during the untimed practice period. Despite being penalised on his quickest lap with qualifying tyres, he is currently fifth fastest behind the two Renaults.

The fastest time in a three-litre car was set by Marc Surer, whose Arrows-Ford is still painted white in anticipation of some much-needed sponsorship for the team. It is possible that this will be forthcoming in time for tomorrow's race from a local source, while the team director, Jackie Oliver, has received an approach from the Arab world concerning longer-term backing. Surer's performance was eloquent testimony to the good balance of the Arrows chassis - a vital ingredient on a circuit with several chicanes which call for sudden and tidy changes of direction.

John Watson was troubled by a mysterious handling problem on his Marlboro McLaren, while Niki Lauda's car lost engine power during his timed run. Both will be equipped with the latest Ford DFV engine overnight, as will Nigel Mansell's JPS Lotus, which the driver says is performing better this weekend than at any other time this season.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Leeds will tear into faltering Hull

By Keith Macklin

There were signs last weekend that Hull might be feeling the strain, despite confident assertions by the coach, Arthur Bundling, that they are all out for the big treble. Goldhamer and Humberides the front of their lives before going down 24-21 in the Premiership first round and Leeds will be well aware tomorrow that the Hull players have an engagement at Wembley next Saturday. Hull will be without the New Zealand full back, Kemble, and may also lack the services of his fellow countryman, Leatua, as they face a Leeds side who have staggered the late run of successes, and from advantage should see Rover through. Hull expect to take more than 25,000 supporters with them for next week's Challenge Cup final, an attempt to boost support for Featherstone Rovers, Hull's opponents from the small West Yorkshire mining town, the Featherstone chairman, Bob Ashby, has appealed to impartial members of the Wembley crowd to get behind Rovers. Since the love of the underdog is still very much alive in Rugby League hearts, his appeal should not go unheeded.

Financial market data table including Unit Trust Prices, Exchange Rates, and various market indices. The table is organized into columns with headers such as 'Unit Trust Prices - change on the week', 'Exchange Rates', and 'Market Indices'. It contains numerous rows of numerical data representing prices, percentages, and other financial metrics.

RACING: 2,000 GUINEAS AT NEWMARKET/FRENCH 1,000 GUINEAS AT LONGCHAMP

Diesis should flout the golden rule

By Michael Phillips, Racing Correspondent

Classics are seldom won by horses who have suffered an interrupted training preparation. I was given that advice a long time ago by no less an authority than that great trainer, Sir Noel Murkes, and abiding by it has proved right more often than not. Occasionally something happens to disprove the rule and today I will not be surprised if none other than Sir Noel's talented son-in-law, Henry Cecil, manages to do so by winning the 2,000 Guineas with Diesis at Newmarket.

Newmarket correspondent told me later that that comment was echoed by the trainer himself in the meantime both Cecil and his immensely experienced head lad, Paddy Handley, have been heartened by the way that Diesis took his gallop physically and by the way that he has tracked in to his food at home.

That is a good sign. The other bonus is that he is a like clean-winded colt who needs comparatively little fast work. Better still, he was also pretty straight when his setback occurred. Hence the reason why confidence in his gallop is now growing.

As far as public credibility is concerned, Diesis must be judged on those victories in the Middle Park Stakes and the Dewhurst Stakes here at Newmarket last autumn. Unfortunately with Gorytus following up so early, so unexpectedly and so inoperable in the Dewhurst, we were still in the dark as to his relative merits of the big two are concerned.

Cecil has always felt with some justification that Diesis did not get the credit that he deserved because of the mystery that surrounded Gorytus. Now he is hellbent on proving the point. Likewise Dick Hern is every bit as keen to see Gorytus flourish in the race which has been his big test since the banish that painful memory from the mind and reestablish himself as one of the best in the land.

Hern has taken Gorytus to Bath raccourse and to Newmarket, too, this spring in an endeavour to have him primed for this occasion and each time he has gone well. But only time will tell whether that experience in the Dewhurst has left a permanent mark.

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With Diesis clearly held on paper, Mr Niarcho's best chance surely lies with Allverton.

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303 12-3 ORANGE, orange green seal and spots on cap, black eyes (Orange) - Royal Monarch (D) (S) Mearns 5
304 0111-1 DARK BLUE, light blue cross-bands, red seal, striped stockings, white cap (Dark Blue) - Chaperon Up - Doublly Sure (C) (L) H de Walden (H) Cecil 5
305 0122-9 BRUMALIS (b) Tumble Wind - Vireo (Greenland Park) Biding 5-0
306 114-1 LIGHT GREEN, gold spots, quartered ears (Light Green) - Yellow Seal - Chad Ropes (Mrs J) Miles (W) Ham 9-0
307 42-38 GENE OF NAVARRE (D) (S) Bold Lad (H) - Busted Flash (Capt M) Lamb 9-0
308 124-1 RYAN (b) (S) Green Seal - Royal Monarch (D) (S) Mearns 5
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310 43122-3 LOFTY (b) (S) High Top - Ensharred (Mrs H T) Jones Thomson Jones 9-0
311 13-1 GREEN and pink stripes, black velvet cap (Green) - Black Stripes - Black Velvet Cap (C) (S) Mearns 5
312 3114-1 MURCATTE (D) (S) Habitat - Tanis (Kale Al-Said) J. Hindley 9-0
313 121-12 PROCLAIM (D) (S) Nerochoc (G) Herwood 9-0
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316 022-1 TECOMBO (C) (S) Teoman - Nimble Dab (C) (S) Mearns 5
317 251-4 TOLIBO (C) (S) Ta Liphon - Almagat (C) (S) Mearns 5
318 1-1 WASSIL (b) (S) Mearns 5
319 5-2 Diesis, 3 Gorytus, 4 Wael, 10 Lomond, 20 Mousquetaire, 25 Drumbeat, 25 Alverton, 28 Proclaim, 30 All Systems (GD), Spanish Place, Toliboo, 30 others.

Sponsorship for classics

The directors of Newmarket Racecourse Trust announced yesterday that they would be seeking sponsors for next year's 1,000 and 2,000 Guineas. Their decision followed a meeting of the Jockey Club at Newmarket earlier in the day when the stewards laid down guidelines to be followed in negotiating sponsorship of the classic races, Michael Phillips writes.

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disappointed at not being on Desirator this afternoon Pat Eddery is positively looking forward to his ride on the stable's deputy, Lomond, who was the Gladness Stakes over seven furlongs on the Curragh earlier this month. Lomond could be the best each-way bet in the race because he has continued to go well at Ballydoyle in the meantime.

Muscatic, Spanish Place, Guns of Navarone and Toliboo are the four who dominated the finish of the Craven Stakes run over today's course and distance 19 days ago. In my opinion that form did not look up to classic standard.

No matter how Diesis performs in the Guineas, Decil and Piggitt still expect to win the Philip Cornes Nickel Alloy Stakes with Precocious, an aptly named two-year-old who has been going well at home. This is not surprising because there is a bag of speed in his blood. His half-sister, Pushy, won the Queen Mary Stakes at Royal Ascot three years ago and he himself is by Mummys Pet, renowned as a sire of sprinters.

As far as today's big sprint, the Palace House Stakes, is concerned the conditions look tailor-made for On Stage, who escapes being penalized because he has never won a group race. However, he has won this season and he did take quite high rank last year. On the other hand Fearless Lad is penalized to the hilt for winning the King's Stand Stakes at Royal Ascot last June and that means that he will be meeting the consistent Cheltenham Park 6f worse terms than when he beat her by only three-quarters of a length at Haydock earlier this month.

Mysterieuse Etoile can star

From Desmond Stannell, French Racing Correspondent, Paris

Mysterieuse Etoile should gain her revenge on the English filly, Goodbye Shelley, in the Poule d'Essai des Pouliches (French 1,000 Guineas) tomorrow at Longchamp when the ground may play to her advantage. Mysterieuse Etoile has a role that is far more than a past weeks' after recent sprinting. Gravelle stayer is sure to take a hand in the finish on Daniel Wildemont's Tale. A Step and Pas Eddery are the other contenders for the Poule d'Essai des Pouliches. Mysterieuse Etoile was beaten a short head by Goodbye Shelley in the Prix Marcel Boussac in October where third place went to L'Atalante after the stewards had pooled the counts to lead to her position. All the way up the straight, Mysterieuse Etoile reduced the gap but the diminutive daughter of Northern Dancer finally had to settle for second place.

Mysterieuse Etoile was testing for only the second occasion and was not at all happy on the heavy ground she does not come testing. Olivier Douieb warned me this morning that his colt could only produce his superb turn of foot when conditions were right. The danger to my selection must be Welsh Torm, who took the Prix d'Harcourt by four lengths and two from Cadoudal and Muzel Palace. Finally, I expect English trained

Fixtures for today and tomorrow

Table of football fixtures for today and tomorrow, including First division, Second division, and Third division matches.

Cunningham plays his first full senior match for Manchester United at Norwich.

Table of rugby union fixtures, including the John Player Cup Final and other club matches.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS: Various public notices and announcements.

IMPERIAL CANCER RESEARCH FUND: Information about cancer research funding.

GOLDSMITH CRAFT FAIR: Details of a craft fair event.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: A public notice regarding a legal matter.

PROFESSIONAL LADY: A notice from a professional organization.

DEATHS: A list of recent deaths.

CRICKET: News and fixtures related to the sport of cricket.

OTHER SPORT: News and fixtures for other sports.

FOOTBALL: News and fixtures related to football.

GYMNASTICS: News and fixtures related to gymnastics.

YACHTING: News and fixtures related to yachting.

ICE SKATING: News and fixtures related to ice skating.

APRIL/MAY SUPER SAVERS: Advertisement for travel packages.

VENTURA HOLIDAYS: Advertisement for holiday packages.

PILGRIM AIR: Advertisement for Pilgrim Air services.

STERLING TRAVEL: Advertisement for Sterling Travel.

WINDSOR AIR: Advertisement for Windsor Air services.

LOW COST FLIGHTS: Advertisement for low-cost flight options.

MEMORIALS: Advertisement for memorial services.

FLY AWAY: Advertisement for Fly Away travel services.

LUXURY ISLAND HOPPING: Advertisement for luxury island hopping.

SPECIAL OFFER: Advertisement for a special offer.

THE ALGARVE: Advertisement for The Algarve travel package.

Spring Offer: Advertisement for a spring offer.

Asian Dreams: Advertisement for Asian Dreams travel services.

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Saturday

Television and radio programmes

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BBC 1
6.25 Open University (until 8.55)
Peak Experiences 6.50
Urbanism 7.15 Residential
Placement 7.40 Year with
Three Children; 8.05 Promised
Land; 8.30 Statistics.

TV-am
8.00 Daybreak. Followed at 7.00 by
Good Morning Britain.

TV/LONDON
8.30 Sesame Street with The
Muppet: 10.30 The Saturday
Show: Includes the Talented
Teacher of the Year contest.

Radio 4
6.25 Shipping Forecast.
6.30 News.
6.32 Farming Today.
6.50 In Perspective. Religious affairs.

Radio 3
6.50 News.
6.52 Descent Into Darkness. A. Wilson,
the writer.

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS
BBC1
BBC Wales 6.45-6.55pm Sports News
Wales. 1.00pm Wales for Wales. Close.

Radio 2
7.50 Weather.
8.00 News.
8.05 Auld Auld Lang Syne. Richard
Robinson.

Myma Loy, Maurice Chevalier, Jeanette MacDonard: Love
Me Tonight (Channel 4, 2.55)

BBC 2
6.25 Open University (until 8.10).

CHANNEL 4
2.20 Power Play: Housing. Re-
enactment in the studio of a
"bouncil" meeting to discuss a
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3.10 Film: The Halfway House
(1944) Craype tale, set in a
remote Welsh inn, where a
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Radio 4 (cont.)
7.15 On Your Farm.
7.45 It's a Bargain.
7.50 Weather.
8.00 News.
8.10 Today's Papers.
8.15 Sport on 4.

Radio 1
6.30 Wake Up to the Weekend with
Arthur Roberts.
6.35 Morning News.
6.40 News.

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Geography; 8.30 Chemistry.

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Ozvat Tom Graveney, Ian
Botham, Viv Richards and
other from Somerset CC give
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Hunt on for new Roach venue

By Nicholas Timmins
The coroner for the inquest on Colin Roach, the black youth who died of shotgun wounds in the entrance to Stoke Newington police station in January, was yesterday looking for a new place to hold the inquest.



Transport of delight: A recently completed stained glass mural recording the history of the National Union of Railwaymen, being cleaned yesterday at Unity House, the union's new London headquarters, which will be opened on May 3 by Mr Michael Foot. Photograph: John Manning.

600 BL staff volunteer for Maestro overtime

By Clifford Webb
Six hundred track workers at BL's Cowley assembly plant have volunteered to work overtime on Saturday and Sunday to produce urgently needed Maestros. The company lost 19,000 cars, half of them the new Maestros, during the month-long "washing up" strike which ended on Tuesday.

Heath attacks Fleet Street 'disgrace'

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The statement continued: "In addition, the headlines in the Daily Express and other newspapers attribute to me statements which I have not made and would never consider making."

Churchill denies smear campaign on CND

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resigned from it when he heard allegations about the campaigning tactics of the Coalition for Peace through Security.

Letter from Transvaal
Fight for survival
Afrikaner fashion

"I was speaking English just now because I understand we have the London press here", Mr Fanie Botha, the South African Minister of Manpower, said in Louis Trichardt the other night, apologizing for his temporary lapse from Afrikaans to the 400 or so National Party faithful gathered in local schoolhall.

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THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

Royal engagements
The Queen opens the National Horseracing Museum at Newmarket, 11.30.

Princess Michael of Kent visits

Colt Car Amberley Horse Show and Country Fair, Cirencester Park, Gloucestershire, 12.50.

Gardens open

TOMORROW
Avoit: Three gardens in Grove Road, Coombe Dingle, 4m NW of Bristol: (one charge for the three); 2 to 6: Hillside, 2 acres, five trees and shrubs; Pennywell, 2 acres, trees and shrubs; Hildersley, 2 acres, trees and shrubs.

Roads

Midlands and East Angles: M1 Southbound lane closures from junction 16 (Northampton) to Rotherthorpe service area; exit from north bound carriageway and access to southbound closed at junction 16.

Weather

A depression over the North Sea will move away NE, and another depression over Biscay will move towards SE England.



Table with weather data for various locations including London, Birmingham, and Glasgow, showing temperature, wind, and cloud cover.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,117

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down.

Music

Concert by Angmering Choral, Chichester Cathedral, 7.30. Recital by Patrick Monk (tenor) and Andrew Bennis (piano).

In the garden

When the soil dries up sufficiently and warms up a bit more, sow grass seed for new lawns, or to cover bare patches.

Anniversaries

Births: Mary II, Queen of England (reigned 1689-94), London, 1662; David Thompson, explorer, London, 1770; Carl Friedrich Gauss, mathematician, Brunswick, Germany, 1777; Deaths: Edward Manet, Paris, 1883; A. E. Housman, Cambridge, 1936.

Lighting-up time

Table showing sunrise and sunset times for various locations across the UK.

Highest and lowest

Table showing the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in various locations.

Tomorrow

Royal engagements
Prince and Princess Michael of Kent depart Heathrow for New York, 6.

Music

Concert by Yehudi Menuhin School of Music, Winchester Cathedral, 7.30.

The pound

Table showing exchange rates for various currencies including Australia, Austria, and Canada.

National Day

The Dutch today celebrate the official birthday of Queen Beatrix. It is in fact the real birthday of her mother, Queen Juliana, who was born on April 30, 1909.

Around Britain

Table showing weather forecasts for various locations across Britain.

Abroad

Table showing weather forecasts for various international locations.

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